

Letter from Chair of Governors to Parents & Carers

14 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Leadership arrangements at Eastbrook School September 2023

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Higgins has decided to leave her post as Headteacher at Eastbrook. She would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and pupils for all the help and support that they gave during her time at Eastbrook. She wishes the Eastbrook community well for the future as the school moves to the next stage of its journey.

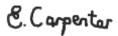
Barking Abbey has been supporting Eastbrook over the last half-term and I am very pleased to confirm that governors, supported by the local authority, have agreed for this to continue.

The Governing Body has asked Tony Roe, Headteacher at Barking Abbey, to become Executive Headteacher at Eastbrook. Tony will share his time between Barking Abbey and Eastbrook. Jamie Gibson, currently Head of the Longbridge site at Barking Abbey, joins Eastbrook as Head of Secondary: Evan Hollows continues to lead the primary phase.

These arrangements are agreed for 1 year in the first instance to put experienced local leadership in place for September. Governors at Eastbrook will work with Barking Abbey to establish a longer-term partnership.

Both Mr Roe & Mr Gibson are very much looking forward to their new roles. They share our ambition for Eastbrook to become an outstanding school for the community and they look forward to meeting many of you next term.

With very best wishes,



Evelyn Carpenter
Chair of Governors