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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Staffing Update

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Peter Brodie has been recently appointed as Acting Deputy Head Teacher at Harrington Hill. Mr Brodie, who has worked at the school for 5 years as a senior leader (Assistant Head Teacher and Pastoral Lead), is passionate about ensuring that all children receive a high quality education that is in equal parts enjoyable, enriching, challenging and nurturing. The Senior Leadership Team are thrilled to continue working with Mr Brodie. As a team we will continue to strive for excellence, ensuring every child leaves Harrington Hill with the skills and tools they need to become lifelong learners who are responsible, respectful and exemplary members of their community.

The staff and children are excited to welcome back Miss Hannah West, who will be returning to Harrington Hill following her maternity leave. Miss West however will now be known as Mrs Hannah Kavanagh! Following successful interview last week, Mrs Kavanagh has been appointed as our new Maths Lead. She has gained a breadth of experience in middle leadership at Harrington Hill through her Art Lead role and as a KS1 moderator for Hackney. Mrs Kavanagh is passionate about inspiring a love of maths in all children and committed to improving standards of learning and achievement for all. I know she will excel in her new role as Maths Lead.

In September we welcome three new teaching assistants to the Harrington Hill team:

Mary Wilson is from Glasgow in Scotland and has recently graduated with a degree in Psychology. She has worked with children all around the world, from refugees in Scotland to children in Palestine and Spanish children with learning support needs. Mary is passionate about raising children's confidence and self-esteem and is a great believer of the benefits of outdoor learning.

Emma Clayton studied art at University and is excited to contribute to the creative and vibrant learning environment at Harrington Hill. Emma resonates very strongly with the values of empathy, inclusion and nurture that are so important to our school. She strives to always be a good listening ear for the children and to do all she can to ensure they feel safe and enriched throughout their personal development and learning.

Alberto Vigo moved to London from Italy 7 years ago. He has taught in several schools in Hackney and is passionate about inspiring a love of learning in children. Alberto loves travelling, photography, and supporting his favourite football team (a local team in Italy named Catania). He is dedicated to making learning fun and engaging for children whilst ensuring they are able to excel and fulfil their potential.

We also welcome back two teaching assistants who have shown true dedication and commitment throughout this time of school closure. Elli Lacken and Lisha Lai joined us through an agency this year. Their support to the children, particularly in Reception, has been invaluable. Elli and Lisha have built sound relationships with colleagues, the children and their families and we are thrilled to continue working with them in September.



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It is always sad to say goodbye to staff who are leaving at the end of the academic year and this year is no exception. Tugce Dayan, Rachel Dippie, Amy Smith and Becky Mason will be moving on to new career challenges in August. They have all brought valuable contributions to the school community and we all wish them every success for their future endeavours.

This week, I will be sending out further information regarding classes for next year. You will receive an email informing you of your child's class teacher for September. Please look out for the email and let us know if you have not received it by Monday 13th July.

You will have seen from the news that the government has released new guidance on the return to school for September. We are working through the guidance very carefully. Further information will be sent out regarding the return to school in September before the end of this term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Rebecca Kennedy
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Acting Headteacher