



**Inspiring Futures  
Through Learning**

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Dear parents / carers,

The return into this academic year has been, as we suspected, not entirely the same as usual given the ongoing pandemic! Can we please take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for all for the support you have given in helping us to ensure that your children are in school safely, learning and supported in the best ways possible.

We wrote to you before the term began noting that Chris Woolhouse, Headteacher, was unable to return to school for the start of term. We now have confirmation that Mr Woolhouse will not return to his role at Priors Hall and, as such, we are sure that you will join us in wishing him well.

We recognise of course, as noted in the previous letter, that changes in leadership, even temporary, can cause a little uncertainty. Tess McQuade, Assistant Head, has been leading the school with the support of the Senior Leadership Team on a day to day basis and Kim Kemp, Head of School Development at IFtL, has been working closely with all at Priors Hall. We are sure that you all feel that this continuity has helped during this busy time of returning and setting up the new academic year. Tess will serve as Acting Head of School for the remainder of this academic year working with Kim holding an Executive Leadership oversight.

We are sure you will appreciate that we wanted to ensure you were aware of the changes as soon as possible and will keep you updated. If you have any queries at all, please do feel free to contact us.

With very best wishes

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