

20th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following interview and having seen Sarah Eaton in action as our Interim Head of School, as you know the Advisory Board were delighted to be able to permanently appoint her on the last day of term before the Easter holidays.

From the first day at Leighfield, Sarah has shown an open, friendly approach to all children and their families. Her honest, no-nonsense approach to communication has been refreshing to all - whether she is addressing the school in assembly, in letters to parents or standing on the school gate welcoming those arriving in the morning. Her relationship with staff is also one that has already demonstrated an impressive team approach.

Sarah's passion and vision for Leighfield was what really came through at interview and during her presentation to the Advisory board. These are exciting times for our school!

Of course there have been many changes in the last few months and during the Easter holidays an obvious change to the school is the dramatic improvement to the security of the site. As many of you will be aware if you've been to any other school or childcare setting; gate and door security is vital in keeping our children safe. It is also a statutory requirement which was noted at our last Ofsted inspection so it reassuring that this has now been implemented.

Another fantastic change is the school's new website and rather than describe how ... do go online and look for yourselves! The school's communication is moving towards a much more online presence – the school's twitter feed regularly shares what the children are up to during their day and the website will also act as much more of a portal for parents and children to use for communication.

I've never felt more proud of being a part of Leighfield both as a Chair of the Advisory Board and as a parent. I hope you feel the same... if you do, spread the word and if you have any feedback then do feel free to speak to Mrs Eaton.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Speirs
Chair of the Advisory Board

