



Ash Lea
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Owthorpe Road, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PA

Dear parents and carers,

The school has been busy recruiting this term and we are delighted to confirm that Luke Skillington and Caroline Morrison are now permanent assistant headteachers having worked in these roles in an acting capacity. They have already proven that they are excellent teachers and senior leaders and I know that they will support the school to move from strength to strength. Luke leads on pupil behaviour, attendance and wellbeing and is our designated teacher for looked after children and Caroline leads on curriculum and assessment. Both continue to support areas of school with their teaching with Luke teaching in Post 16 and Caroline in Hawthorn. Huge congratulations to both.



Whilst we were incredibly sad to lose our health care assistant lead Helen Davey, we were also pleased that she was given the opportunity to return to working with adults with learning difficulties. Following interviews this week we have employed Rachel Cousins who will be HCA lead and will be our IOSH moving and handling trainer. She has vast health and medical training and knowledge, and experience of working with children with special educational needs and disabilities. We have also employed Holly Denholm who will be working full time as a personal care assistant in Maple. She has considerable experience in care having worked at one of our local care homes. Both will be real assets to the school.

We're looking forward to welcoming Sam Howells back to school in January following her maternity leave with her daughter Mathilda. Sam will be returning to her teaching role in Hawthorn and will be ably assisted in leading the class by Gemma Rawlinson.

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