

19th March 2025

Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware, I end my time at Bannerman after the Easter break. The trust are finalising plans to ensure that the best possible leader is placed here; one who fits well with the Bannerman community and the unique and wonderful way we do things. Further details of this will follow next term.

In the interim, Mrs. Dyer will be acting head and Mrs Shepherd will be acting deputy head. We will be releasing Mrs. Gray and Miss Bradshaw to support out of class too, as well as recruiting an additional deputy SENDCO to add capacity. E-Act is very mindful of ensuring that there is a smooth transition and end to the academic year. I am sure you will not notice any change in the high level of service.

On a personal note, I wish you all the best and want to thank the wider community for the support, suggestions, constructive criticism, humour and friendships. It has made things better for all our children and I have had a wonderful time here. I hope I get invited back to see performances and leavers' assemblies. Bannerman really is a very special place because of the whole community.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Laken Head Teacher