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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to have been asked to continue as Head of Bournville Academy for the rest of this academic year until the process of recruiting a full-time, permanent Principal for the Academy concludes. Having had the opportunity to spend a great deal of time working with the staff and students of Bournville since 2021, in my role as Trust Pastoral Lead for Fairfax Multi Academy Trust, I have developed a passion for all stakeholders and am honoured to be an integral part of the school improvement journey that we are on.

The school values will be rooted in all we continue to do and we encourage children to be Ready, Respectful and Safe as they move through to the secondary phase; it is this that will be the foundation on which we build a school that we can all be proud of. My expectations and standards for behaviour, attendance, manners and respect, both inside the classroom, around the academy and within the local community, are as high for your children as they are for my own, and I believe in a no excuses approach, whereby children are enabled to succeed, no matter what their circumstances.

From my experience of school Leadership in a range of different settings, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together, and I am committed to ensuring that communication between the school and all its stakeholders is regular, informative and supportive to guarantee all students have a happy and successful time whilst at the Academy. Having spent lots of time with the wonderful children and staff I am now looking forward to listening to your views through parent forums and the planned 'parent coffee mornings' in the coming term.

I have spent much of my time in the Academy so far listening to stakeholders and assessing what is working well and what we need to improve, so that any changes we make in this new chapter are supported by the whole school community and will lead to sustained improvements for all. Please be assured that any change, if made, will be done so for the betterment of the whole school community and ultimately the wellbeing and education of its students. It is with this in mind that I will be making some changes in the **secondary phase** when we return in January which will benefit your children as they come through the school. These changes relate to splitting lunchtimes and making more toilets available to create a calmer and safer site for all.



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In January I will be spending a whole morning each week in the primary phase, alongside regular drop-ins, working with the outstanding leaders and staff, quality assuring the provision and listening to stakeholders to ensure we are all working together to make the primary provision the best it can be. I have every confidence in Ms Briner as Head of Primary and I am already enjoying working with her and the team.

The new term for all primary children starts on Wednesday 4th January at the normal time of 8.30am.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas break and I am looking forward to a successful working partnership with you all in 2023.

Yours sincerely

Ms K Cornell
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