

Frettenham Primary School
Hainford Primary School
Horsford Primary School
Old Catton Junior School
White Woman Lane School
St. Faiths' Primary School



Nebula
where stars are born

Ashley Best-White
Executive Headteacher

12 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that we have some staff changes at Old Catton Junior School that will begin after the Easter holiday break.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Kate Connelly has been appointed to the role of Executive Deputy for School Improvement in the Nebula Federation.

In this role, she will continue to support Old Catton Junior School as the line manager for both Old Catton and White Woman Lane Junior School. Mrs Connelly obviously already knows both of these schools extremely well and as an experienced leader is best placed to support the respective Heads of School.

Her new role will involve working across all the schools in the federation and will therefore enable her to ensure the continued development and success of Old Catton Junior School, a school she is passionate about, where she has taught for many years and has been the Head of School since 2015.

Mrs Connelly has exceptional ability and is well respected as a leader of school improvement in our federation. She is fully committed to ensuring we provide the best education possible for all our children and these are all the qualities and characteristics that we would want from an Executive Deputy for our federation of schools.

I am confident that you will both congratulate and support her in this promotion as she leads and supports our schools into a new and exciting future.

In light of Mrs Connelly's promotion, it is also my absolute delight to inform you that the new Head of School at Old Catton Junior School will be Miss Emily Emrick. I can think of no one better to carry the school forward on the next part of its journey.

Miss Emrick rightly enjoys the highest regard of staff, Governors, parents and children. She will offer the school stability ensuring that the improvements made to date are sustained and built upon. The strong school ethos which places children at the heart of all that we do will be safe in Miss Emrick's hands; her commitment to the children is unquestionable. Furthermore, she will also bring her own ideas and flair to a role I know she is extremely excited about undertaking.

For the remainder of this term, Mrs Connelly will work with Miss Emrick to ensure a smooth transition for the beginning of the summer term. Miss Emrick is looking forward to working with you all and she will introduce herself to you all as Head of School in due course.

There is a great deal to be excited about for the future of our schools and I trust you will feel reassured by the carefully considered decisions being made in the very best interests of the children.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Best-White
Executive Headteacher
The Nebula Federation