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### Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Families,

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Head teacher of Watling Park, which I see as an exceptional opportunity to create a school firmly rooted in its community, with learning at its heart. My aim is to develop a vibrant and stimulating environment for children, with the best possible learning and teaching in a brand new school.

First of all to let you know a little of my background, I have worked in education across London for the previous 16 years and have taught across all year groups, from Reception to Year 6, having spent the previous three years working as a deputy head teacher of an outstanding school in Southwark. I am a mother of two sons and realise that choosing your child's first school is probably one of the most important decisions you will have to make and I would like to assure that I am truly looking forward to working closely with all of you to provide a safe and stimulating environment, in which your child will flourish.

I am passionate about learning and encouraging independence in children so that they know how to continually develop their own talents and strive to be the best they can be. I believe strongly that all children should enjoy learning, be actively engaged in their learning and know what experiencing success looks and feels like so they are motivated and have high expectations of what they can achieve.

Family and community are extremely important to me and I look forward to developing close links with all your families, supporting you in any way I can.

Moira Anderson

Head teacher

### Uniform Measuring Day

We will be holding a measuring event on Wednesday 8th July at Love Burnt Oak (102a Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak HA8 0LN). Due to the number of pupils who will be measured, we have allocated you 15-minute time slots which you should all have received by now.

I am looking forward to meeting you all there.

### Family Picnic

Dates and venue are currently being arranged for our family picnic where parents and children of our brand new school will have the opportunity to be able to meet each other informally before the start of the new school year.

I am sure it will be a great time for our families to get to know each other and for our pupils to start having fun with their new classmates.



### Home Visits

We recognise that for any family, your child starting school can be an anxious time for you all.

Home visits will take place during the first week(s) in September. Home visits are an important part of the transition for you and your child into school. It is an opportunity for you to speak one to one with the adults who will be working with your children in school). You are welcomed to ask any questions you may have and share any information that you feel is important for us to know. It is also an important time for your child to meet their new teachers in an environment they feel comfortable in.

### Site Update

The school is committed to the establishment of Watling Park School on the Pavilion Way site and has the full support of the ruling Conservative administration at Barnet Council. The planning application for the temporary classrooms has been approved and we are therefore currently expecting that the temporary classrooms will be established at the bottom of the site (subject to the planning permission being given) with us moving to the permanent building in a years time (again subject to the provision of planning permission) at the top end of the site.

We are cognisant of the concern expressed by a few people over the proposed use of the site and remain committed to working with local community groups (and have already had conversations with LoveBurntOak on this matter) to ensure that the final scheme for the school provides sufficient community use of the new full size all weather pitch together with community use of the school. We are committed to providing this at low cost to the local community groups and welcome thoughts and suggestions as to how this all could work."