

7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of Children at Abbey Meads Community Primary School,

After 27 years of successful headship, including 16 years at Abbey Meads, at the end of this academic year Mr Buckley will partially retire and step back from the day to day running of Abbey Meads; leaving to work in the Trust Central Team.

Mr Buckley is also stepping back from his role of the Deputy CEO of The Blue Kite Academy Trust and will be moving to the new part-time role of Executive Director of Growth and Development. *This new role also includes an ongoing relationship with Abbey Meads, so you may well still see him around at times.*

Mr Buckley will remain as Headteacher for the rest of this school year. He will then move into his new role at the Trust from September 2025.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Cunningham has successfully secured the role of Headteacher from 1st September 2025, to coincide with Mr Buckley's move. Mrs Cunningham knows Abbey Meads extremely well, having been part of the senior leadership of the school as Deputy Headteacher since it opened in 1999, and more recently as the Head of School. I am certain the school will continue to provide excellent opportunities for its children and retain its high expectations and achievements under her leadership.

I am equally delighted to announce that the school has also made other formal appointments to the Senior Leadership Team. Miss Hewitt has been appointed as permanent Deputy Headteacher and Mr Shore has been appointed as permanent Assistant Headteacher from September 2025. Both are already highly regarded members of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

Mrs Wright continues in her role as permanent Assistant Headteacher at Abbey Meads, with specific responsibility for Early Years, and she also continues to have a leading role within the Blue Kite Academy Trust as a Trust Leader of Education (TLE).

I am sure you will want to offer your congratulations to all when you see them, and hope you are equally delighted with the continuity we have been able to secure for your children.

We can all look forward to continued success at Abbey Meads Community Primary School.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G Evans
Chief Executive Officer
The Blue Kite Academy Trust