

## People Directorate

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Dear Parents, Carers and Families

I am delighted to have returned from my secondment to the South West Educational Improvement Collaborative to my substantive post of Head Teacher of Cairn Primary and also to take over the role of Head Teacher of Gardenrose Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I was appointed as Head Teacher at Cairn Primary School in 2004 and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of leading the school for 14 years. In 2018 I was seconded to the post of Quality Improvement Manager to the South West Educational Improvement Collaborative where I led collaborative improvement at regional level. My secondment ended at the end of May and I am currently busy getting to know the children and staff in both schools and planning for the new school year in August.

I will be sharing my time equally between both schools and will communicate my work pattern to you in August. I will have a base in both schools and can be reached in the usual manner by calling the school office.

When I am not physically in Gardenrose I will be ably supported by Mrs Malcolm, Acting Depute Head Teacher and Miss Lee, Acting Principal Teacher. We are continuing to recruit staff for next session and hope to be able to provide you with a final staff list before the end of term.

As you are aware, we continue to follow strict guidance from the government and local authority with regards to Covid-19 procedures. Under the current guidelines we are unable to allow parents/carers into the EYC or school. We appreciate this is difficult for parents, especially when the end of session is approaching. The children enjoyed their 'bump up day' today and class sports activities have been arranged. Teachers are making plans to celebrate the end of year with each class and to say good bye to our P7 leavers.

Finally, since I can't meet you in person I would like to invite you to a short Virtual Meet the Head Teacher session on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Session 1: EYC & P1-P3 parents and carers**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5024202291?pwd=MnhKZzJ6WlJZY0l2anJ3VnhhaHUrdz09>

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### **Session 2: P4 – P7 parents and carers**

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Yours sincerely

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