



# George Mitchell School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Leadership arrangements for the remainder of the Summer Term

As you know, Mr Hussain had already announced that at the end of the summer term, he would be retiring from his post as Executive Headteacher following many years of outstanding service to George Mitchell School.

However, during the period leading up to the half-term break he requested an opportunity to begin his retirement a little earlier than planned. This request was granted, so, Mr Hussain officially retired on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

We wish Mr Hussain a long and enjoyable retirement and give grateful thanks for all he has done to build George Mitchell into the strong and happy school it is today.

Our newly-appointed Headteacher, Benita Simmons, takes up her post on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

In the meantime, I am pleased to say that Partnership Learning (the Multi-Academy Trust to which we belong) has provided us with an Interim Executive Headteacher – Helen Williams. In her interim role as Executive Headteacher, Ms Williams will provide additional leadership capacity for the period between now and 1<sup>st</sup> September. Many of you will remember Ms Williams from her time as Head of Primary before she left us to work for the Trust.

From today onwards, Ms Williams will be working closely with and through the school's most senior leaders - Asha Sidhu (Head of Secondary) and Samantha Hill (Head of Primary) – who will continue, as now, to take overall management responsibility for their phases of the school.

As governors, we look forward to working with Ms Williams over the coming half-term, as we prepare for Ms Simmons' arrival in September.

Yours sincerely,

Dionne Campbell-Mark  
Chair of Governors  
George Mitchell School

