



George Mitchell School

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Benita Simmons Executive Headteacher of George Mitchell School from September 2022

Dear families of George Mitchell School,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Executive Headteacher of George Mitchell School and look forward to meeting you in September.

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue and build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mr Hussain.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you. I have been a Teacher and Senior leader in secondary schools across North and East London for 15 years and worked as a Deputy Headteacher for 8 years. Most recently I was the Deputy Headteacher at an outstanding school in Ilford.

I feel very lucky to have been given the opportunity to take over leadership of this school. I am sure that some families and students are nervous about the change in personnel and the impact at George Mitchell School, but please be reassured that high expectations will continue. Any future developments will always be in the best interest of the students and therefore will be communicated to you in advance with clear reasons given.

As the leader of the school, my main job is to make sure your child is safe, happy and reaching their potential. Families make an important contribution to their child's achievements at school and from my experience I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. I hold a strong belief in the power of education to change lives and the right of every child to receive an excellent education. I am dedicated to building opportunities for students to achieve the highest academic standards, ensuring that they are well nurtured and developed in full.

At George Mitchell School education is about developing the whole child and providing them with meaningful qualifications and opportunities which enable them to be successful and achieve within school, in their lives and in their work after leaving us. It is the aim of the curriculum and whole school team to help each child become a successful learner who is confident, happy and fulfilled with a set of positive traits (PRIDE) which guides their conduct and helps them to become responsible citizens who can make a positive contribution to society.



I am very keen to get to know parents. It is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. I will be holding a number of events over the next term, including coffee mornings and drop-in sessions, which will provide an opportunity for both myself and members of the senior leadership team to meet you and discuss the building of a successful partnership. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend.

I look forward to working with you all and will thank you in advance for the support I know you will give all members of our school community, in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Simmons
Executive Headteacher

