



# Ely St John's School

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## **Ely St. John's – School Leadership 2022-23**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of a busy school term, I am very pleased to be writing to you with an update on the structure of the school leadership following on from the interim Deputy Headship that has been in place since September.

Mr. Stephen Atkinson (Interim Deputy) will be leaving us at the end of term as his time with us finishes and I would like to put on record my thanks for all of the invaluable work that he has done in supporting me and the school to have such a great start to the year. We will certainly be keeping in touch and sharing advice and ideas regularly. He will be returning to his full-time Deputy Head role at Foxton Primary School next term.

I am excited to be able to share with you that from January we will be moving to a structure of two Assistant Heads rather than having a single Deputy Head role. This change has been carefully thought through, worked on by governors and school staff with appropriate consultation and planning for many months. We believe this will best support the school to move forwards with our key priorities for the rest of the year and beyond. Mr. Steve Preston and Miss. Kate Lloyd have been appointed to the two Assistant Head roles and I know from their work already as part of the Senior Leadership Team that Ely St. John's will be in an even stronger position with their expertise given this new opportunity.

Both Mr. Preston and Miss. Lloyd will continue to be class teachers in Year Six and Foundation Stage but will have some additional time out of class when they are working on whole school projects and tasks. To ensure maximum consistency for both classes, Mrs. Sutcliffe will be teaching in Miss. Lloyd's class when she is out of class and we are delighted to be able to welcome back

Miss. Jordan who will be teaching in Mr. Preston's class. A separate letter detailing the specifics and timings of this will be sent to parents of children in both classes.

It has been a real privilege to be in school this term and to see first-hand the hard work and commitment from staff that has helped to ensure such a successful start to the year. The children in all year groups are never short of exciting things to tell me about and, through meeting with all teachers this week in 'Pupil Progress Meetings', I can see just what a positive impact this is having on learning and progress.

Thank you to all of our families for your support of the work we are doing in school and I am very sure that continued success is in store next term. As always, my door remains 'open' to you all – please do get in touch with any questions, ideas, concerns, feedback, thoughts or worries. Email: [office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk) or [head@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Henson