



**Ditchling (St Margaret's) CE Primary and Nursery School**

Lewes Road, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8TU

**Headteacher: Mrs. S Thompson**

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Staff, Parents and Carers,

**Head teacher recruitment**

The governing body has been working closely under the guidance of the local authority and the diocese to find the best solution for our school. The advice from all parties, mostly due to the long lead times of headteacher resignations is to secure interim leadership to provide stability, while taking the time to carefully select the right permanent Headteacher for our school. Some parents and staff may remember that Mrs Thompson joined us initially as an interim headteacher, so this advice is reassuringly familiar.

We consider ourselves to be in an extremely fortunate position to currently have a number of credible opportunities to explore and are therefore confident we will have a new interim headteacher in January 2022. This is a direct reflection of the hard work of Mrs Thompson and all the staff at school that we are such an appealing proposition. As soon as we are able to provide more information on both interim and permanent recruitment, we will do.

**Public Consultation - Academisation Proposal**

We would like to thank everyone who has engaged in the process so far. As a result of additional questions submitted by parents and staff the FAQ document has been updated (new questions are p4 q17 onwards). We are aiming to update this document and add to our website every couple of days or weekly dependant on the number and frequency of questions. Please can we encourage everyone to continue to send in questions either via the webform <https://tinyurl.com/42vysum8> or by emailing us directly [chair@ditchling-ce-prim.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:chair@ditchling-ce-prim.e-sussex.sch.uk)

In the meantime, we wish you all a good half term break.

Yours faithfully,

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