



Ditchling (St Margaret's) CE Primary and Nursery School
Lewes Road, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8TU

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Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT & ACADEMISATION COMPLETION

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Amy Clarke as our permanent Head Teacher, starting this September. Mrs Clarke is an experienced Deputy Head Teacher from Newick Church of England Primary School and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to St Margaret's. We are arranging some time for her to visit the school before the end of term, and if you see her please do say hello.

Thank you to the children and staff for their support in the recruitment process. The pupils in Year 6, in particular, as they wrote a letter outlining their ideal Head Teacher that was included in the job advert. All children and staff helped in the final interview, where candidates spent a day at school. Also, thanks to the Hurst Education Trust, East Sussex County Council and the Diocese of Chichester for their support and advice in a rigorous selection process.

We are also delighted to announce that Ditchling is now part of the Hurst Education Trust as the academy conversion process has completed. We join Albourne Church of England Primary School, which converted earlier this year. We have been working closely with both the Hurst Education Trust and Albourne over recent months and know this partnership will bring a range of benefits and opportunities to current and future pupils and all our wonderful staff.

Thank you for your patience in this period of change, our thanks also to Mrs Zeidler, Mrs Cragg and all the staff for their ongoing support taking on additional responsibilities. We are confident that a new Head Teacher and new home in a multi-academy trust will give us the stability and resources to continue growing and improving as a school.

Yours faithfully,

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