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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to Jess Paul's recent letter regarding changes to the leadership structure at Tanners Brook, we wanted take this opportunity to reintroduce ourselves and share our excitement about the journey ahead.

Ingrid Dowse: Co-Headteacher

I have been proud and honoured to serve the Tanners Brook community since 2006, beginning as a class teacher before progressing through the roles of Year Leader, Deputy Headteacher and, most recently, Head of School. Stepping into the role of Co-Headteacher is both a privilege and an exciting next step. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work closely with both Sarah and Lisa to ensure that, as we move away from a model with an Executive Headteacher, there remains strong leadership, continuity and stability for our children, staff and families.



Sarah Mack: Co-Headteacher

When I joined Tanners Brook in 2009 as a Newly Qualified Teacher, I could not have imagined the journey the school was to embark upon. Since being Deputy Head, I have shared my passion for teaching and learning ensuring that children at Tanners Brook have the best possible start to their education. I am so excited to take this step into Co-Headship with Ingrid and I know that as a dedicated team, Lisa, Ingrid and I will continue to drive the school forward with ambition and courage.



Lisa Welch: Deputy Head

With over 34 years of teaching experience, I joined Tanners Brook as a Deputy Head Teacher for Inclusion in September 2020. It has been a pleasure to work with our families, staff and children and I look forward to continuing this journey with Sarah and Ingrid as we move into a new and exciting phase of our school's development.



We would like to thank Jess Paul for her support and contribution to the school during her time as Executive Headteacher, and we look forward to continuing to work with her as part of HISP.

This new leadership structure means we are able to build on the wealth of expertise, knowledge and experience developed over many years, whilst sustaining our journey towards excellence with renewed energy and determination.

For children, school life will continue as normal, with the same focus on excellent teaching, nurturing support and enriching opportunities. We know that strong relationships are at the heart of a successful school, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with all of our families in this next chapter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Ingrid Dowse
Co-Headteacher



Sarah Mack
Co-Headteacher



Lisa Welch
Deputy Headteacher