

# Deansfield Primary School

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**Head of School:** Janis Blyth



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Dear Parents and carers

We are writing to inform you that Mrs Blyth, Deansfield's Head of School, will retire from Deansfield at the end of the Summer Term after 24 years of loyal and dedicated service to the school and its community.

Although we were very sorry to learn of Mrs Blyth's decision, we fully appreciate that the time is right for her to take this next step, enjoying the new challenges and experiences that lay ahead.

Mrs Blyth first started with us at Deansfield in April 1994 as a Class Teacher in the Infant School. She has since taught children over Key Stage 1 and 2, before becoming Assistant Head teacher, Deputy Head and finally Head of School. We thank her for her unwavering commitment to children's learning and her dedication to ensuring children feel safe, secure and happy in their learning. Mrs Blyth has also been a fundamental part of the Leadership team that has worked to achieve the 'Outstanding' Ofsted and continues to work to ensure the school continues to grow and develop for our children at Deansfield. We will miss her greatly.

We are also pleased to inform you that one of our long established Compass leaders Mrs Clara Daly will be taking up the role of Head of School at Deansfield in September. Mrs Daly is a highly experienced leader and has worked as a Deputy Headteacher and consultant Leader within the partnership for eight years and is very much looking forward to joining the Deansfield community. Mrs Blyth and I will work alongside Mrs Daly in the summer term to ensure this transition is smooth. We will write to you again later in the year to let you know when she will be in school to meet with you as Mrs Daly is currently supporting a school to improve in East London.

In the meantime I am sure that you will join us in sending Mrs Blyth our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement ahead and in welcoming Mrs Daly to the school.

Yours sincerely

**Jo Gordon**

**Executive Headteacher**

**Hugh Lewis**

**Chair, Local Governing Body**



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