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Change of school leadership

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a chance to read the letter sent to you in January from Paul Woods about the Ofsted monitoring visit that took place on December 12th. It is very pleasing that the inspector noted how much things have improved since last summer.

If you have had a moment to read the Ofsted report, you will have seen that the inspector rightly identified a number of areas for further attention including the importance of us ensuring that we, 'quickly secure the arrangements for the leadership and management of the school beyond the current academic year by working closely with the local authority and the diocese'. We have been working to do this. We are now in a position to share the outcome.

You will be aware that the current arrangement with Sir John Cass and Redcoat Foundation School and Sixth Form College, to have Paul Woods as our Executive Headteacher, was a temporary one. It has become clear through our discussions with the Diocese that different support arrangements were needed in the longer term. We are pleased to inform you that from the start of this summer term, Oaklands School will become our support school. Patrice Canavan OBE, headteacher at Oaklands School will be taking over from Mr Paul Woods as Executive Headteacher and Simon Ramsay, currently a Deputy Headteacher at Oaklands School will take up a head of school role at Raines. In both cases this will be until at least August 2020. Both Patrice Canavan OBE and Simon Ramsay are committed and well-regarded educationalists with a long and successful track record in Tower Hamlets. These new arrangements which have the support of the Local Authority, the Diocese and the Raines Foundation Trust, provide an excellent opportunity for us to work closely in partnership with our neighbouring school, and ensure our school's continued improvement and a positive educational future for your child/ children.

The Interim Executive Board (IEB) is very grateful for the tremendous work of Mr Paul Woods in Raines Foundation School, since he took up post as Interim Executive headteacher in August 2018. He and the IEB are currently working closely with Patrice Canavan OBE and Simon Ramsay to ensure a smooth and seamless handover.

I would like to invite you to our next parent / IEB forum on **25 February at 5.00 pm** in the main hall. This will provide an opportunity to hear from and discuss the points raised in this letter with members of the IEB, Mr Woods, Patrice Canavan OBE, Simon Ramsay and Christine McInnes, Divisional Director, Education and Partnership for Tower Hamlets.

In the meantime, thank you for your continuing support,

Kind regards

Diana Choulerton
Chair of IEB

