

**ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
(Aided) PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOVER**

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Staff News

I write on behalf of the governing body with an update regarding the leadership of St Mary's CEP.

Since 2017 I have served as Executive Headteacher at the school. One aspect of my work during my time at St Mary's CEP has been to establish a secure strong staff and leadership team so that we can collectively provide the very best education for our pupils and families. I think you will all agree that we do indeed have a large team of experienced skilled staff at the school who deliver a first-class education.

Following 35 years in education in Kent, 22 as a Headteacher, I will be retiring and therefore leaving St Mary's CEP in August 2026, at the end of this academic year.

In 2021 the school governors and I appointed Mr Matthew Lamprell to the role of Head of School. Since 2024, with additional responsibilities, he has undertaken the role of Headteacher. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Mr Lamprell will continue to be the Headteacher of St Mary's CEP – this is fantastic news because it means that consistent and strong leadership is being secured for the school; St Mary's CEP no longer needs an Executive Headteacher.

I have enjoyed my time at St Mary's CEP immensely and am fiercely proud of this wonderful school and all that has been achieved. I am delighted that Mr Lamprell will be remaining at the school as Headteacher and have no doubt that he and his team will continue to go from strength to strength.

In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to work with all members of our school community over the coming months and to saying a very fond farewell when the time comes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Comfort
Executive Headteacher



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