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Re: Changes for September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you are looking ahead to the summer term and all the excitement it will bring and the warmer weather of a British Summer! I am super proud of the school team and our achievements this year, especially achieving our 'Outstanding' SIAMS (July 2018), maintaining our 'Good' Ofsted (October 2018) and being awarded the English Hub by the DfE.

I am grateful and honoured, as we draw to a close one year and look ahead to another at Kingsnorth, to lead such a dedicated team of staff and Governors. Also to work with such enthusiastic and engaging children and supportive parents.

As many of you will be aware Kingsnorth and Brenzett CEPs have been formally linked for nearly two years, with myself as Executive Headteacher in a dual role across the schools, with one Joint Local Governing Body (JLGB) overseeing both schools as part of the Diocese of Canterbury Multi Academy Trust (Aquila).

We also lead the Kingsnorth English Hub for the DfE. We are one of 34 schools nationally leading on supporting other schools with their phonics, early language and reading. We play a vital role in the success of the hub providing leadership and strategic overview. This has been a fantastic opportunity for our school and our children however, it does create a pull on my time.

Over the last two years these unions (Brenzett and English Hub) has been very positive for our school, with staff having the opportunity to work across other schools, the availability of more support jointly across the schools, a committed and collaborative JLGB and shared use of the stunning resources we have available at Brenzett CEP.

I would like to once again reassure you that I continue to be as passionate and committed to Kingsnorth and our continuing journey to 'Outstanding' as I was when I started here over seven years ago. I remain as the Executive Headteacher with overall strategic responsibility for our great school alongside our fantastic JLGB.

Over the past year, the above changes have called for some necessary adjustments within the structure of our school and from September 2019 there will be further amendments. We have been working through a process of restructuring the leadership across the school.

'Day to day' leadership and management of our school will continue with Mrs Sue Sullivan (Head of School) and Mrs Love (Assistant Headteacher). Mrs Sullivan will be

your point of contact for anything relating to the day to day, operational running of the school and Mrs Love will oversee Inclusion, data and assessment.

Our team leaders will become Key Stage Leaders with Miss Pryke (KS R/1) overseeing Year R, 1 + 2 and Miss Howling (KS2) responsible for Years 3, 4, 5 + 6 and other Senior Teachers will be taking on more responsibility across the school. We remain a close and effective team continuing to lead our school forward. Miss Pryke will be non-class based due to her English Hub responsibilities and Miss Howling will non-class based for 2 days a week.

In other news, I am sad to announce that Mrs Lovell will be leaving the Kingsnorth family to take on fresh opportunities and challenges. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best in the next chapter of her life.

We have the great privilege of welcoming Mrs Hayward and Miss Stonehouse, who join our team as members of our teaching staff. Mrs Hayward brings great teaching experience having worked in our school for some time and Miss Stonehouse has been a trainee teacher with us across the last academic year. Mr Denton will continue with another year's secondment at Brenzett CE Primary school, and is still very much part of our wider staff team.

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to your child, the first point of contact should always be the class teacher and any adults working in the classroom with them.

Should you need further support or assistance, the FLO (Mrs Carol Lee), the Office and Welfare teams are always on hand to help and advise. If the class teacher is not available please feel free to make contact with the Key Stage Leader for your child's class (Miss Pryke and Miss Howling).

My working week is split between Kingsnorth, Brenzett and the English Hub. My role as Executive Headteacher means I work very closely with Aquila, Trust Headteachers, DfE and other local partners meaning I am not always in Kingsnorth. So, although not always on site, I would like to reassure you that I remain fully committed to taking our school forward from our 'Good' position to 'Standing Out!' and with the brilliant children, staff, Leadership Team and Governors we have here at Kingsnorth CEP, I know we can achieve this.

Finally, I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our school team all the very best as we head in to the busyness that is the Summer Term and will continue to support your children and our school.

Yours sincerely,

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Kingsnorth and Brenzett CEPs and Kingsnorth English Hub

