



# PEEL COMMON *Community Junior School*

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing on behalf of the Governors to let you know that Mr Clarke the Headteacher, has been successful in obtaining the position of Headteacher at Denmead Junior School and will be leaving Peel Common Junior School at the end of the Summer Term. I, on behalf of the governors, have fully supported his desire to continue his own professional development by further exploring and expanding his own learning experiences. This is an area that I know you as parents also feel strongly about in your continued support of your own children's learning, and is a strength of Peel Common Junior School and one that the governors admire greatly.

Mr Clarke has been at PCJS for almost four years and has supported you and the school in a remarkable way, freely giving of his time, his expertise and encouragement without end. A Head teacher's working week is far longer than from 8 to 5 and from Monday to Friday as you will be aware. He has seen your children come as young emergent minds and to leave as confident learners ready for the next stage of their lives. Mr Clarke's guidance for both his staff and for the pupils has been outstanding throughout this time, leading by example as an educationalist and as a parent; all have benefitted from his leadership. He has always had high aspirations for the school and has supported you, your children and his staff in our journey to success which culminated in our recent Ofsted report in which it was acknowledged that PCJS was a good school and one which you can feel very proud.

During the coming months, we as governors and as a school will need your further support in our search for a new Headteacher. I have been in contact with Hampshire Education Department and have been heartened by their support in obtaining an experienced Interim Headteacher, who will be joining us in September, to support our fantastic staff and your children in making sure that their education continues on an upward trajectory. This will be in place by the beginning of the Autumn Term and a transference of information between the two Headteachers will be on going in the meantime. The Governors and myself will continue to be vigilant whilst we move through the process during the coming months. I will make sure that you are aware at each stage of the procedure and of the outcomes.

Although this is a more difficult time and obviously will cause concern among both yourselves and your children, I would ask you to continue to have confidence and trust in the school. All of the staff under Mr Clarke have worked extremely hard to give their pupils an excellent holistic education as the SATs results have shown over the past four years. They will continue to do so, as they themselves are an outstanding team of people who are dedicated to improving children's lives and future prospects.

Once again, I can only praise Mr Clarke, our PCJS Headteacher for allowing us to have had the past four years of his life. His dedicated and inspiring leadership has encouraged the pupils to achieve their promise both as learners and as individuals. Education today is far more than just 'book learning', they will need to be able to adapt and adjust to meet the needs of the world they are growing up in.

*Mr Clarke can feel justifiably pleased and proud that no time was wasted.  
When asked by someone, what he makes  
I can say without hesitation  
He has made a **difference** to so many lives.*

My thanks for all your continued support.

Glynis Alexander  
Chair of Governors

