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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Body are delighted to announce the appointment of Roisin Philip as the new Headteacher of Hiltingbury Junior School. We have been through a rigorous recruitment process attracting and interviewing candidates from Hampshire and beyond.

Roisin is a Specialist Leader of Education and joins us from the Portswood Primary Academy Trust in Southampton. You can learn more about Roisin in an introduction from her overleaf.

We were supported throughout the recruitment process by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and both Governors and HCC were impressed by Roisin's track record of improving outcomes for pupils by putting exceptional teaching and learning at the heart of what she does. Roisin shares our passion for being a thriving learning community and we very much look forward to working with her as we continue to build on our school successes.

Roisin will start her new role in January and in the meanwhile she will be taking the opportunity to visit and get to know our school.

I know you will join us in congratulating Roisin on her successful appointment and welcoming her to Hiltingbury Juniors.

Yours faithfully

Judith Rutherford  
Chair of Governors



## **Introduction from the new Headteacher – Roisin Philip**

My name is Roisin Philip and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Hiltingbury Junior School. I have been a Teacher and Senior Leader in a range of schools in Southampton for the past 10 years, my most recent post being at Tanners Brook Primary, alongside leading the Portswood Teaching School Alliance. My main passions outside of school are spending quality time with family, listening to music and reading. I am very impressed by the love of reading shown by both pupils and staff alike at Hiltingbury!

I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to take over the leadership of a school with an outstanding reputation and such an outward-facing and creative ethos and vision. As the leader of the school, my main job is to make sure your child is safe, happy and achieving well. Working together as a team, myself and the staff aim to provide a supportive and caring environment, inspirational teaching, and a rich and engaging curriculum, to ensure all pupils dare to aim high, with the strong belief in their abilities to achieve.

I know that Mrs Hunter will be a very hard act to follow, as I had the pleasure of working with her previously. You can rest assured that I will be working tirelessly to build on her good work to ensure that the school continues to flourish. I know I can count on the continuing support of the parents, the governors and the staff in taking Hiltingbury Juniors forwards. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future, at school events, assemblies, social occasions or a quick chat on the playground!