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Dear parents and carers

As you will know, since Kate announced her plans to retire in summer of 2021 the governors have been working to recruit her successor.

I am very pleased to say that we have been successful and on Friday we made the decision to appoint our very own Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson as our next headteachers. Natalie and Sally told us early on that they wanted to apply as a job-share because it made sense for them - as parents with young children - to take the next step in their careers as a partnership.

We advertised nationally for the position, had a good field of applicants and put the candidates - internal and external - through a very rigorous process. At each stage Natalie and Sally showed themselves as outstanding and it became clear that we had two exceptional individual candidates with complementary strengths who share a passion for and commitment to Eleanor Palmer and its community. Their appointment was a unanimous decision by the governors and is a great result for the school.

Thanks are due to Camden Learning for help and support throughout the recruitment process, to all the staff for their professionalism (and especially Vicky and Tania for all their tireless work in organisation ), and to our amazing Year 5 panel who gathered brilliant questions from all the EP classes and put them to the candidates.

Sally and Natalie will now have the advantage of two terms of induction with Kate before they take up their new roles next September and start us on this exciting new stage in the Eleanor Palmer journey.

From

The Eleanor Palmer Governing Body