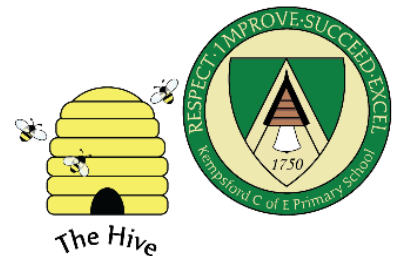


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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share an important update regarding the leadership of our school for Term 5 and Term 6.

While we are going through a thorough recruitment process for our permanent Headteacher — who will officially join us in September — the Governing Board has appointed **Paul Batchelor** as our **Interim Headteacher** for the remainder of this academic year.

Paul brings with him over 20 years of experience as a Headteacher in primary education. Since retiring from his full-time post, he has supported numerous schools across Gloucestershire in interim leadership roles while they complete the lengthy process of appointing permanent heads. We feel very fortunate to have someone with his depth of experience and proven leadership stepping in to guide the school through this transitional period.

Paul will be spending time in school during the final two weeks of this term to meet our children, staff, and wider school team ahead of officially starting his role in Term 5. During this time, parents and carers will also have opportunities to meet Paul as he gets to know our school community and familiarise himself with our school. He has already expressed a strong desire to “hit the ground running”, therefore, Paul will be working closely with the Local Authority to help shape our school plans for the 2026/27 academic year, ensuring we begin September with clarity, momentum, and a strong strategic foundation.

We are confident that Paul’s experience, steady leadership, and student-centred approach will serve our school community well during this period of transition.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Yours faithfully,**

*The Governing Board*

