



**FAO: Hopton Parents/Carers**

21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Leadership plans for September**

We wanted to write to you about an important upcoming development for Hopton Primary Academy.

From 1 September 2024, Hopton will be working in partnership with Kessingland Primary School, a successful local Church of England Primary School. Their current Headteacher will be moving on at the end of this school year, and we are pleased that Hopton will be able to work with them as they consider their next steps. The partnership will run on a term-by-term basis to allow school and Trust leaders to plan next steps.

Miss Kellie Egleton will become Interim Executive Headteacher over Hopton and Kessingland. An Executive Deputy Headteacher has also been appointed to work across both schools (Miss Sarah Smith based currently at Kessingland), as well as a Senior Teacher in each setting to act in the absence of the two senior leaders.

The partnership will be kept under constant review and in the Autumn term, one of several options will be taken forwards:

- 1) Formalising the partnership as a federation, with one Executive Headteacher appointed to work across both schools  
OR
- 2) Move ahead with the appointment of a new permanent Headteacher for Kessingland and disbanding the partnership from 1 January 2025.

Within DNEAT, there is a strong track record of making such working together successful. It is important to stress that this is a genuine partnership, with both sides having much to offer that will benefit children, staff and families in both settings. The opportunity for children will be at the heart of the partnership period.

Yours sincerely,

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