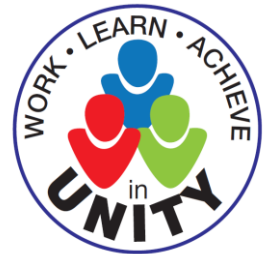


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1st November 2017



*Executive
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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to you as the Gravel Hill community to announce that after a lengthy conversion period, Gravel Hill Primary School was successfully converted to an academy school on the 1st November 2017. Gravel Hill is the second primary school to join UNITY Academy trust alongside Upland Primary School.

As the Executive Head teacher of UNITY I am delighted that two great schools are coming together to work in close collaboration for the good of all the pupils they serve. I am very much looking forward to getting to know and work with all of the Gravel Hill community in the future.

Many of you may ask **“what is an Executive Headteacher?”** I will be strategically responsible for both schools and their outcomes. I am accountable for the progression and development of the education that both schools provide. My role will be to support the Headteachers and their staff in ensuring that all pupils receive a quality education and that all pupils feel safe and happy at school. My role is very much building upon the already fantastic work that both schools have established, ensuring that everyone within the communities is happy and working together for the children. I will be dividing my time between both schools and continually monitoring progress.

My role is not to undermine the work that Miss Neale and her team have in place but to support, advise and challenge. I will of course be available to staff and parents if you wish to discuss things with me but I will be following the schools' procedures regarding issues or complaints and will always advise individuals to speak to the staff at Gravel Hill in the first instance.

Over the next few months I will be very visible at Gravel Hill and will welcome the opportunity to speak with you all; I will be joining Miss Neale at the beginning and end of day so please do come and introduce yourself.

For the past few months the senior leaders from both schools and I have been working in close collaboration, planning some great work between the schools. Over the course of this academic year your children will get to broaden their experiences by working with others and on new exciting projects. The staff in both schools have already begun working together to provide mutual guidance and support.

Both schools are very much looking forward to the future of UNITY and the opportunities it will bring for all. I look forward to sharing the future with you as part of the Gravel Hill community.

Most importantly I am very excited to be working with all of your wonderful children, seeing them flourish throughout their primary school education.

If you do have any questions then you can contact me via the Gravel Hill office team.

I very much look forward to meeting you all soon.

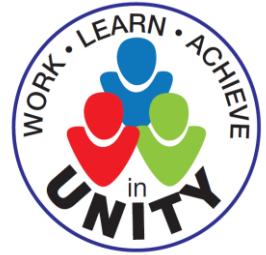
Kindest regards

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