



Ashworth Nursery School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Many of you may be aware that your wonderful Headteacher will be leaving at Easter, to undertake a new role with Ofsted. Mrs Burnside has been a superb leader, practitioner and advocate for your children and has supported the school and wider community beautifully since 2019. I am sure you will join me in thanking her and wishing her and her family all the best for the future.

Following close consultation with the Local Authority, your Governing Body has begun the recruitment process to find a permanent headteacher replacement. With Mrs Burnside's promotion and the absence of a new headteacher currently, the Governing Body have accepted an offer of leadership support. This package will be in place for the summer term and will consist of me and my team supporting Ashworth Nursery's dedicated staff, wonderful children, and lovely community.

My name is Christopher Dugdale and I am the headteacher of Hoddlesden St Paul's Church of England Primary and Pre-School, which is based on the outskirts of Darwen. I am a passionate advocate for the children and young people of Blackburn with Darwen and I am thrilled to play a small part in your school's journey.

Prior to the Easter holiday break, I do hope to meet as many of the children as possible and hopefully have the privilege of meeting you and your families too. Following the school holidays, I will become the Interim Headteacher of Ashworth Nursery School and also continue to lead Hoddlesden St Paul's. To ensure the nursery continues to provide the very best education, care and pastoral support to you and your children, some additional staff members will also be joining me at your school each week.

Miss Millie Clayton will be providing some hands-on support in the nursery every Friday. She is a strong early year's teacher and will be on hand to support in the planning and preparation of the nursery environment. As an experienced early years teacher and leader, she is well placed in the continued development of Ashworth's curriculum.

Miss Kirsten Riding will be in school on Tuesdays. She is an extremely experienced leader of St Paul's SEND provision and resources. Miss Riding will be helping to identify and support children to overcome potential barriers towards their learning and aid in the preparation of children being school ready.

For the remainder of the week I will be in the nursery school. On some occasions, my highly experienced deputy headteacher will also be visible and supporting the management of the nursery.



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This is a wonderful opportunity for all to flourish together and continue to provided the very best oppotunities for all our children. I cannot wait to meet the children and being a part of their development for the summer term.

Finally, like the month of harvest you reap the seeds of your hard work, may this coming Ramadan reap the seeds of your good deeds. Ramadan Kareem to many of our Ashworth Nursery families, staff and community members.

Yours faithfully
Mr Dugdale
Executive Headteacher