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9th February 2022

Headteacher Appointment – Walkley Primary School

Dear parents/ carers,

Earlier in the Spring term, I wrote to you to inform you of the retirement of Val Sian from the role of head teacher at Walkley Primary School. Since then, the governing body have been busy undertaking the recruitment process in order to appoint a headteacher for Walkley Primary School. We were very aware of the need to appointment the very best for Walkley Primary School due to the high calibre of leadership the school expects and deserves.

The opportunity to lead Walkley attracted a high level of interest with a large number of candidates touring the school and impressed by the facilities, engaged children and cohesive staff team that Walkley offers. Candidates were then shortlisted. Those successfully shortlisted were invited for a two day interview process involving time in school meeting with the executive school council and leading a cohort assembly. This was followed by a day taking part in a range of rigorous observed tasks and a final interview to ensure we selected the very best candidate for the post.

We are very pleased to announce that the selected candidate was Mr Chris Wallis. You will know of his dedication to the school over the 17 years he has worked at Walkley and the impact he has already had on the school community. The aspects that were really clear to the panel over the interview process were his knowledge and ability to effectively lead the school; the passion he has invested in Walkley and his strong vision for the school's future. We know that you will share in our congratulations to Chris and we look forward to seeing the school continue moving from strength to strength under his leadership.

Chris Wallis will officially take up the position after the Easter break and, until this time, interim leadership changes that have already been put in to place will continue.

Yours Faithfully

Andy Wilcock

