

Friday, 30th April 2021

Dear Trinity Road School Community,

Headship September 2021

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you. I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Trinity Road Primary School. I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself to you, and to express my enthusiasm for the exciting times ahead.

My name is Natasha Outhwaite and I have spent the last 22 teaching and leading in schools across East London: including nursery, primary and secondary age children, as well as in special educational needs and mental health settings. I currently live in Essex with my husband and our little girl, who is 5 years old. We love all things outdoors including growing fruit and veg and we keep our own chickens. I am a keen runner and baker — which I like to think cancel each other out! (My surname — it's a little tricky, but if you think of it as 'Oww-thwaite' rather than 'Ooo-thwaite'.)

My philosophy for education is based around the edict of the 'best by every child'. I hold a strong child-centred approach to teaching and leading and encourage the input and voice of all children in the running of the school. Consistency, praise, encouragement and challenge are my key factors in teaching and leading because all children are amazing, they have the right to achieve success and I strive to ensure their potential is unlocked and barriers are overcome. It is a huge privilege, as a teacher and a leader, to be able to inspire and enthuse, motivate and nurture children to fully achieve. The core values at Trinity Road: *Respect, Achieve* and *Belong* are at the centre of what I do and who I am, and I am excited to join and lead the already highly successful team and community at Trinity Road on the journey ahead. I will be sharing my vision for the future of the school, along with my ideas in due course.

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I am very much looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you all and being part of your fantastic school. I take up the permanent post from September 2021, and will be working with the school governors, Mrs Marrion and the leadership team in the upcoming months in order to be ready for the challenges ahead and to successfully lead the school forward through these unusual times.

Yours faithfully

Natasha Outhwaite