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Board of Governors

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Dear staff,

We hope you and your families are staying safe and well during these trying times. We know all schools are finding it a challenge to adapt their school work to home learning. Sir Thomas Abney governors are so proud of the stellar job you are doing, supporting the children's learning regardless of whether they are coming into school or are learning at home. Pictures that parents have sent in show how much they and their children have enjoyed their learning.

Besides the challenges of the coronavirus restrictions, there are other changes at Sir Thomas Abney with regards to the leadership and management of the school. As you know, Ms Fitzmaurice has been supporting Harrington Hill Primary School this term. Their Headteacher resigned and left earlier in the year and Hackney Learning Trust asked Ms Fitzmaurice to support the new acting Headteacher. This arrangement has worked very well; so well that the Governing Bodies of Sir Thomas Abney and Harrington Hill have agreed to a partnership arrangement.

In practical terms this means that Ms Fitzmaurice will be the Executive Headteacher of both schools and will split her time between Sir Thomas Abney and Harrington Hill. Ms Apcher and Ms Willis will share the leadership and management role at Sir Thomas Abney. Ms Kennedy will continue as acting Headteacher of Harrington Hill. The Governing Bodies of both schools will form a Strategic Committee made up of equal numbers of governors from each school and the Executive Headteacher. Both schools will maintain their own governing body.

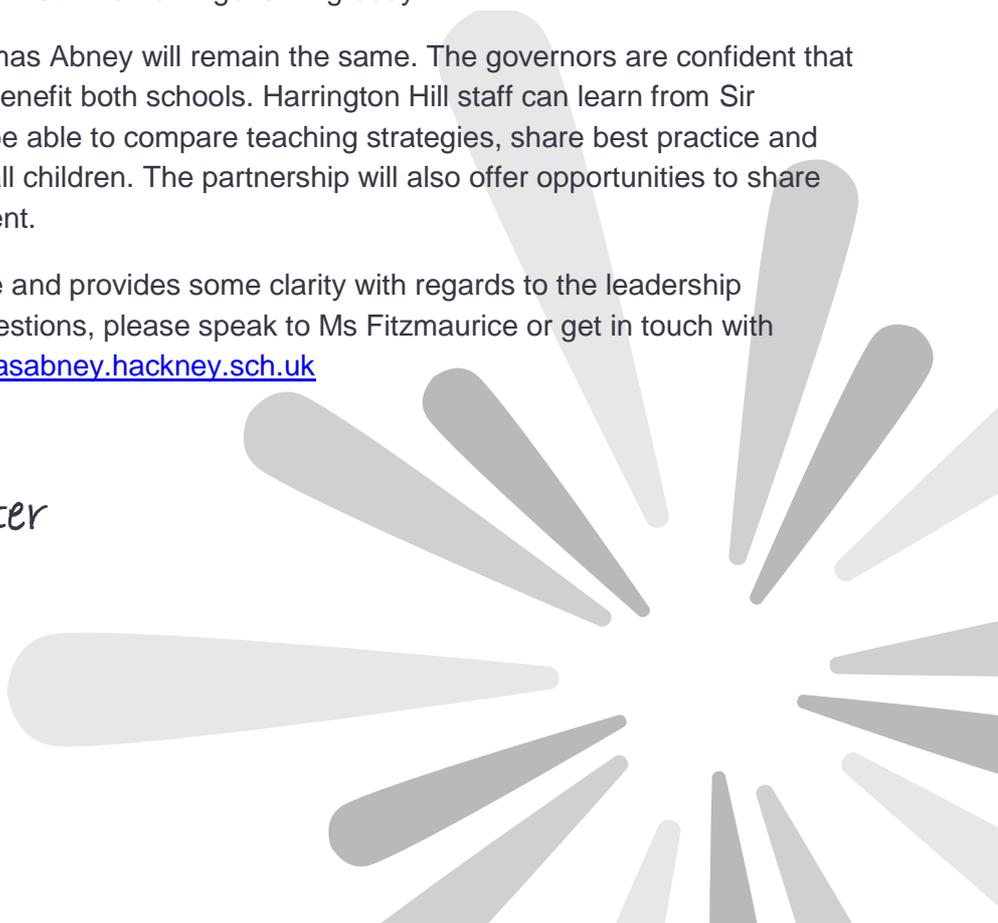
The Ethos and Culture of Sir Thomas Abney will remain the same. The governors are confident that the partnership arrangement will benefit both schools. Harrington Hill staff can learn from Sir Thomas Abney. The schools will be able to compare teaching strategies, share best practice and improve the education offered to all children. The partnership will also offer opportunities to share resources, training and procurement.

We hope this is a welcome update and provides some clarity with regards to the leadership arrangements. If you have any questions, please speak to Ms Fitzmaurice or get in touch with governors at: governors@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk

Warm regards

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Joint Chairs of Governors



Partnership

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