



Newdigate C of E Endowed Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we head towards the end of our school year, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on the changes that have happened in our school over the last year or so and look forward to securing a positive and productive future. Our collaborations, firstly with St. Michael's Infant School (Mickleham) and then St. John's Infant School (Churt), have both been very positive experiences for all concerned and acted as a vehicle to support school development and sustainability. We were thrilled when the collaboration was recognised by Ofsted in our last inspection in March 2018; once again we were rated 'Good' and praised for forging a sustainable leadership structure for our small school.

The changes within our leadership arrangements (including the introduction of our Acting Co-Heads of School working alongside our Head to provide day to day and strategic leadership for the school) has been very successful and the school has quickly adjusted to this new way of working, all credit to the many stakeholders involved and a real testament of the quality of staff here at Newdigate. Looking around Dorking and wider areas we can see many more schools now following this pathway and can understand why they are choosing to do this.

Our plan is to build on both of these initiatives through further collaborations and continuation with the leadership structure. In addition the Governing Body are also looking closely at all potential academisation routes, as are most schools, and working closely with the Diocese to plan for this. As valued members of our school community we want to make sure you are fully informed and as soon as we are able to give you more specific information we will. We are also planning to offer a drop-in session in the second half of the summer term.

We believe all of the above will allow our school, a 'special place for precious years', to continue to thrive and flourish in the future. We are thrilled that our intake for next year looks very healthy and are looking forward to working closely with you, our new parents and any prospective parents in the coming months and years.

With many thanks for your continuing support.

The School Governors

