



Thorpedene Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware Thorpedene is part of SECAT which is a multi-academy trust. SECAT was created to allow many schools across Shoebury to work together and support each other as a collective. I have enjoyed being part of this and getting the opportunity to support leaders and teachers in Thorpedene and in the other schools across our community.

As you know, in the last academic year I have supported Richmond Avenue as their Executive Headteacher. As they now have appointed their own Headteacher, I am no longer needed in that role.

Now a new opportunity has arisen for one of the Headteachers from SECAT to support across all the Trust schools as the 'Director of Education'. This post is for one year. I applied for this role as I am passionate that all children within our MAT are given the best learning opportunities available to them and I have the experience that I felt I could offer across the schools within SECAT.

I have been successful in my application and I will start this role as from February the first.

Due to the strength of Thorpedene, its leaders and staff, I am happy to leave the school in the capable hands of Miss Champney who will be Acting Headteacher during my secondment. She has been the on-site leader in school, due the fact that I am Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, and I will forever be grateful for her great leadership and management during this time.

Please be assured that I will still be around, in my new role, working across all the schools in the MAT and look forward to keeping in touch with the ongoing developments of the school and all your children.

With best wishes,

Miss S Walsh

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