



20 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Leadership Update Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge**

In our letter of 6 January, we committed to keeping you updated on the steps being taken to ensure continuity at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge following the recent change in headteacher.

We would like to begin by thanking you for the messages of gratitude for Mrs Bowers, which we are passing along to her, plus your messages of support for Miss Bliss.

Since the start of this term, we have implemented measures to provide leadership support and extra staffing capacity at MECE, to ensure our students continue to receive high-quality education and care. Please note these are also summarised in the table below.

Miss Emma Bliss has transitioned smoothly into her role as Interim Headteacher. She is supported by a robust leadership team, including Mr Andy Johnson, MET Director of Education, and Mrs Sara Elliss, MET School Improvement Director, who is working on-site at MECE for the majority of each week. To further enhance this support, we have also engaged Mrs Sarah Brinkley, an experienced former headteacher, director of education and external school support partner.

We are pleased to share that Miss Sarah Cheeseman has stepped into the role of temporary Assistant Headteacher. She will continue her responsibilities as Head of Year while taking on duties as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Additionally, Ms Emma-Louise Roberts, MET Secondary Lead for English, is increasing her teaching time at MECE to cover Mrs Bowers' English class, and Mrs Kelly Nash, MET School Improvement Director for SEND, will provide additional support to Mrs Claire Ashley, SENDCO.

Looking ahead, we will continue to develop, support and strengthen the leadership team. Miss Bliss will keep you informed as new staff are recruited, and we encourage you to follow our social media channels where we post new staff updates. In addition, on Wednesday, 29 January, we are hosting a recruitment event in Reading, providing an opportunity to attract additional talented staff to both the MECE and wider MET team.



We value meaningful communication and recognise the importance of keeping parents and carers connected with the school. To this end, Miss Bliss is planning opportunities to engage with you directly in a constructive and positive way. She will share more details about this soon. We will provide a further update on Monday 10 February prior to half term. We are as always contactable by email should you want to get in touch.

We remain committed to ensuring that the school is well-supported and that our students continue to thrive. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely



**Jon Peck**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Andy Johnson**  
Director of Education

Name	Job Title/Role	Support Provided
Miss Emma Bliss	Interim Headteacher	Leading the school and ensuring stability; supported by the Trust leadership team.
Mr Andy Johnson	MET Director of Education	Providing oversight and leadership support.
Mrs Sara Elliss	MET School Improvement Director	On-site leadership support for the majority of the week, enhancing operational and strategic capacity.
Mrs Sarah Brinkley	Former Headteacher and External Support Partner	Offering additional expertise and guidance to strengthen school leadership.
Miss Sarah Cheeseman	Temporary Assistant Headteacher & Head of Year	Continuing Head of Year duties; taking on Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) responsibilities.
Ms Emma-Louise Roberts	MET Secondary Lead for English	Increasing teaching time to cover Mrs. Bowers' English class.
Mrs Kelly Nash	MET School Improvement Director for SEND	Providing additional support and capacity to Mrs. Ashley, SENDCO.
MET Shared Services	MET Administration, HR, Recruitment & Marketing	Providing on-going support as required.

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