

NTN/KCR

4<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Headteacher, Mr. Matthew Milburn, has recently been appointed as Headteacher of Saddleworth School in Oldham and will take up post in September of this year. Matthew will have completed eight years of Headship at Kingstone and I'm sure you will want to join with me and Governors in wishing him well in his new job.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I want to assure parents that Kingstone is a robust and secure school which has two excellent and respected Deputy Head Teachers, who from September, will become Acting Heads in what is the final year prior to the opening of the Advanced Learning Centre.

Mr. Ian Ellam and Mr. Paul Gallagher will take joint responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school. Whilst they will liaise closely with Mr. Nick Bowen the Principal Designate of the Holgate/Kingstone Advanced Learning Centre, his focus will be on the new staffing structure, and systems and policies that need putting in place prior to the opening of the A.L.C. in September, 2012.

Governors at Kingstone are acutely aware that the transition to the A.L.C. needs to be made as smooth as possible. We are committed to monitoring the situation carefully, working closely with Mr. Ellam and Mr. Gallagher, to ensure that the high standards of education we have come to expect at Kingstone are sustained for all pupils, right up until the school closes in July, 2012.

The building work for the A.L.C. is comfortably on schedule and having seen some of the other new schools already open in the Borough, I'm sure you will share my excitement at the prospect of such a world class learning facility opening within our community and for our children.

Yours sincerely,

*Neil Thornton*

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Chair of Governors