



Hartshorne C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

As you know, since last November, the governors have been reviewing the current Co-Headship arrangement at the school.

We would like to thank all of you for your feedback and input into this process.

We have now reached our decision. We have concluded that the Co-Headship model, whilst having had some benefits, is not the right long term fit for this school and will therefore not continue beyond its two-year trial period.

Our decision has been shared with the co-headteachers and staff. Now that we have shared this with yourselves, this will also be announced to pupils shortly.

So, what does this mean? In the immediate term, nothing will change within the school and both co-headteachers will continue their roles as normal. As the school academic year draws closer, the governors will work with them both as needed, to provide them with support in ensuring a smooth transition and handover. From September 2025, Mrs Layhe-Humphreys will return as the full time Headteacher.

Whilst the overall the model is not right for the school, there are elements that have brought some benefits, and the governors would like to see these continued and built upon in the future.

With regards

Governors.

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