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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last term, Miss Harris announced that she would be leaving Elmwood Infant and Nursery School at the end of the summer term to take up a new post in a Multi-Academy Trust. Miss Harris has been a highly effective Headteacher at our school and has ensured the continued success and development of our school, the children and the staff. Although we will be sad to see her leave, we are appreciative of her significant contributions and we wish her the best for the future.

Following this announcement, the governing board have been seeking a new Headteacher to lead our school. A rigorous recruitment process was put in place and I am pleased to announce that Mr Cooper has been successfully appointed as the new Headteacher of Elmwood Infant and Nursery School, and will be in post as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Governors are very optimistic about Mr Cooper's appointment. He has shown his ability to connect with and motivate the children and school community to develop a shared vision and a strategic plan that aligns with the Rights Respecting and inclusive ethos of our school. He shows a great understanding of our school, is very familiar with the Croydon community, and is passionate about promoting learning and sustaining school improvement. He has experience of being a Headteacher at another Croydon school and has been praised by Ofsted for 'leading with determination and vision'.

As well as being very impressed with our school, Mr Cooper shares a great passion to continue the wonderful work that has been established and is keen to meet with the children, parents, and staff to share his vision for the future. Over the coming months Miss Harris will be liaising with Mr Cooper, staff and governors to ensure a smooth and successful transition to his new post.

I welcome your thoughts and comments, and I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. Please leave a message for me with the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Sherifa Turawa

Chair of Governors

Elmwood Infant and Nursery School

**Elmwood Nursery & Infant School**

Headteacher: Miss Zoe Harris