



Tuesday 13th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As parents may be aware, Birdsedge First School has enjoyed a strong partnership with Shelley First School over the last few years. This partnership brings enormous benefits to staff enabling Birdsedge First School pupils to benefit from the breadth of expertise in a larger school, alongside the nurture and care of a small school.

Shelley First School's headteacher has recently made the decision to emigrate this summer and take up a new post overseas. Whilst the school undertakes a recruitment process next year, Mrs Waddington will provide support to the leadership of the school as Executive headteacher. Shelley First School will have a Head of School in place so Mrs Waddington's roll will be support and oversight during this interim period.

Mrs Waddington remains headteacher at Birdsedge First School so there is no change for the children and families. We know, as we are sure do all our parents, that her commitment to Birdsedge First School and the children is unwavering.

We are sure you will all join us in congratulating Mrs Waddington. This opportunity reflects the high regard she is held in by everyone at the trust. Birdsedge First School is now in a very strong position and is thriving. Mrs Waddington has led the way and we are incredibly lucky to have her working to the benefit of our children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Natasha Greenough

CEO of the Mast Academy Trust

Mrs Sian Hyett-Allen

Chair of Governors for Birdsedge First School