



# SUMMERHILL SCHOOL

23 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: School Leadership Update 2021/22 onwards**

I am writing to inform you of a change to the leadership of Summerhill School with effect from the start of the 2021/22 academic year.

I have been offered and accepted the role of Head of Education for Dudley Local Authority and will move to this role full time from 1 September 2021.

Whilst I will retain strategic oversight of Summerhill for the Local Authority, I will relinquish the role of Headteacher and a new appointment will be made to lead the school on a day to day basis. A national advertisement will follow in due course and further information will be shared once this is available.

Beyond September 2021, I will continue to work with the new post holder and the school to ensure the best in educational outcomes and opportunities for all of our young people and their families.

It remains business as usual for the remainder of this academic year and we will be making some changes to the way in which the school operates following the Easter holidays. We will also be re-establishing our non-negotiable behaviour, conduct and uniform expectations with a clear focus on ensuring the best learning environment and atmosphere for all of our students.

Can I also remind you that Monday 19 April 2021 is designated as an Inset Day and school is closed to all students.

Thank you for your continued support. It means a lot as we still battle the uncertainty about the pandemic and the return to some sense of normality.

Yours sincerely

**Martyn Palfreyman**  
Headteacher