

Blagdon Nursery School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and supporters of our Nursery Schools,

Many of you are aware that the Government are reducing the amount of money that they pay towards the cost of running Nursery Schools. The five Nursery Schools in Reading have a good working relationship and all work collaboratively with children at the forefront of all we do. We are striving to keep all of the Reading Nursery Schools viable and open.

Lisa Bedlow, currently Executive Head of Caversham and New Bridge federated Nursery Schools, will be leaving her post after 14 years to pursue her interests in children's mental health and well-being. The most viable option for all of the Nursery schools to maintain a balanced budget for the future is to appoint an Executive Head from within the Reading Nursery Schools. Blagdon Head teacher Mrs Joanne Budge has explored this role alongside her governors and agreed to take on the Role of Executive head teacher of a 'soft' federation between Blagdon Nursery School and Caversham and New Bridge Nursery Schools. This means that Blagdon will retain its own Governing board and continue to work as an independent Nursery School, but share an experienced and Outstanding Head teacher. This role will commence from April 1st 2019 with Mrs Bedlow and Mrs Budge having a handover period of a few weeks before the Easter break.

We are confident that we can continue to maintain the Outstanding work at all three nursery schools and move forward together.

Please do not hesitate to contact the head or Chair of Governors of your school if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Emma Jackson
Chair of Blagdon Governors