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Welcome to the New Head teacher for 2018-19

In the Spring term, staff and governors worked together on the process of advertising for, interviewing and appointing a permanent Head Teacher for Grange. You may recall that Ms Szymaniak left the school at the end of the Summer term last year and with Mr Parker, we arranged for him to take up the role of Head for this school year, giving us time to carry out this process for the permanent job.

Mr Parker, together with our Senior Leadership team have worked so hard since then and I know that a great many families have appreciated their work as well as the work and commitment all of the teachers, Learning Support Assistants and other staff at the school this year.

I'm now happy to be able to share news of Grange's new Head Teacher. Mr Kerbel will be coming to us from Earlham Primary School in Wood Green where he has been Head for 3 years. Before that he was Head at the North West London Jewish Day School for 8 years. Mr Kerbel's approach to leading a school is based on the idea that every single child has a wealth of potential and I look forward to welcoming him to our school in the coming weeks.

Catherine McNamara
Chair of Governors
Grange Primary School

Dear Grange Community

I am looking very forward to joining the Grange community as Headteacher in September 2018.

The Grange motto is: [Learning together. Respecting each other. Achieving our potential.](#)

This motto encapsulates the power of the community; how much we can achieve when we work together. It is a vision of a world towards which we all strive. We want to have peace and respect within the world and if we aim to educate upon these guiding principles then the future, by definition, will be better.

I am inspired by this vision and my personal leadership vision is to extend this principle of *community* further; to realise that by learning and living together with respect, each one of us within the community becomes greater in terms of actualising our *individual* potential. We become a community of great individuals operating with success and each making our unique respectful contribution to improve the whole community.

My aim is to discover the unique voice within each child through education. This is the voice that each child will spend their lifetime honing and developing so that they make their contribution to our planet and the global community. To do this, we need to value our staff and give them the opportunities to be their best so that they can work in partnership with parents and carers to give each one of our Grange children, the very best platform of foundational primary education to take them forward so that they can live their best lives.

I have been a Headteacher for 14 years now and began my formal teaching career gaining qualified teacher status (QTS) in 1996 at a secondary school in Redbridge. Along the way I have taught all ages including adult education and in 2004 started my first Headship at a Primary school in Salford, Manchester.

Prior to that, I attended University in my birth country of South Africa (Psychology and Literature undergraduate), and completed a Master's degree in London (Theology). I completed the National Professional Qualification for Head teachers in 2005 and I am looking forward to using my experience and knowledge to help Grange Primary to continue on its journey of success and progress.

I believe strongly in the power of diversity and the innate potential of every child. I value inclusion and actively seek to discover the unique voice of each child as they develop through education.

Through education, we have the gift of inspiring love of learning; creativity and the courage to make positive choices to build the future. We need to put learning first and shape our teaching to bring out the best and most productive learning in the children. We need clear and consistent systems and measures so that we can report the progress and achieve strong outcomes through feedback and purposeful planning.

As with all human endeavours, schools are places of constant renewal and development and I look forward to being a part of the wonderful and crucial adventure of Primary education at Grange in the coming years.

Daniel Kerbel

