



Learning together, growing together

Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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Headteacher's Statement

Dear Families, Staff and Students,

As you now know, I will be leaving Dorin Park in December to take on an Executive Principal role in Shropshire. Since January 2021, I have worked with you all to develop this amazing school together. With your support and hard work, we have considered together the vision and values of our school and used these to plan for the future and reflect on our practice. We have had brilliant fairs, celebrations and events with the help of our PTA; we have started up an after-school club and secured new classroom buildings and started a pilot satellite provision with Upton High School. We have used the Zones of Regulation curriculum to help students learn to self-regulate, and our Behaviour, Wellbeing and Family support teams have worked tirelessly to support students and families with bereavement, behaviour that can challenge, access to LDCAMHS and a variety of other services which have made a difference to families' lives.

Due to the efforts of our teachers, HLTAs, TAs and wider support staff, we have restarted residential visits, had our successful first Liverpool 'city break' residential for our KS4 and KS5 leavers, had our Enterprise products stocked at a city centre shop, built a strong partnership with the theatre team at Storyhouse, and implemented a school librarian team in partnership with Winsford Education Library.

It has been a privilege to lead Dorin Park through the latter part of the Covid pandemic, and I would like to praise the whole staff team for their resilience and flexibility in finding our 'new normal' and being open to the changes that new leadership brings. I hope that the foundation that we have worked hard to build will continue to strengthen over the coming years, and that everyone will continue to be proud to be part of the Dorin Park School Community.

We have fantastic students at Dorin Park, who project the school values of Communication, Wellbeing, Independence and Inclusivity every day, and I am so proud to have had the opportunity to work with them and their families.

Over the next 6 months, we will be working hard to bring to fruition the work that we have started, which will be continued with Sarah Adam as Acting Headteacher in the spring term. As some of you will know, Sarah has worked at Dorin Park for 20 years and knows the school inside and out. I know that Sarah will bring her calm, considered and thoughtful leadership into her new role in January, and I hope that you will support her in this.

Thank you for including me in the Dorin Park Community, it is a wonderful place to be. I hope you have a great summer, and I look forward to September and welcoming pupils back to a new academic year.

Kind Regards

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