

# Harpurhey Alternative Provision School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have, as a school, always tried to keep you informed as to what is happening as important partners in the valuable work that we do. Some of our parents have been associated with the school for a number of years but nobody will remember my time as the Headteacher. I gave that role up in 2016 but retained my involvement with the school as the proprietor. Like everyone else, I am not getting any younger and I felt it was time for me to take a further step back from the operation of the school. I am delighted that The Department for Education, the government office responsible for schools across the country, have accepted our request to appoint Michael Hill as the new proprietor.

This is a really positive step for the school and helps to build on the continuity achieved over the last two or three years, Michael has worked tirelessly as Headteacher to bring about the improvements that make, and will continue to make, the work of the school all the more successful. It remains challenging but important work. He will now combine this new role as proprietor with his existing one of Headteacher.

For my part, I have enjoyed my involvement with the school over the last 12 years and don't really want to see that come to an end. I have, therefore, accepted an offer from Michael to establish and head up a new governing body to provide support and challenge to him. Following a meeting in mid-February, I have accepted the role of Chair of Governors and it is my hope that I can provide Michael with all the help he needs to achieve his goals.

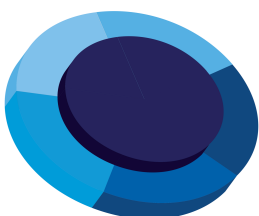
In taking up this challenge, we are keen to offer a place on our governing body to any parent or guardian who feels that they might be able to offer some additional support to the school. If you would like to know more about the role of governor, please do take the time to contact the school and I will happily take the time to call you and talk through with you what is involved. With a bigger governing body, it is my hope that someone else may take on the role of Chair but I would like to stay involved in some agreed capacity. This would make HAPS the school I have spent the most time in during my 45 years in education. Battered, bruised but rarely beaten!

These are really positive steps for the school and I know you will give Michael your fullest support in helping to move the school forward.

Best wishes, yours sincerely,

**Colin Bell**

Chair of Governors.



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