

# Whitehill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our Headteacher recruitment process last week, I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body to share some important news with you.

After a thorough selection process, we are delighted to announce that **Simon Wathen** has been appointed as the next Headteacher of Whitehill Junior School.

Simon has been working in education since 2012 and brings a wealth of experience in teaching and school leadership. He is currently Deputy Headteacher at Marston Vale Middle School and has also worked with the Chiltern Teaching School Hub, supporting the development of Early Career Teachers and colleagues undertaking National Professional Qualifications.

Throughout the recruitment process, governors were particularly impressed by Simon's strong commitment to community, his thoughtful approach to leadership, and his clear focus on creating an environment in which both pupils and staff can flourish.

We were also very proud of the way our pupils represented the school during the day, and the positive impression they made on all of the candidates.

Simon shared the following message for our school community:

*"I am absolutely thrilled to be joining Whitehill Junior School. After meeting our pupils, staff, and governors, I am eager to continue fostering the strong sense of community that sits at the heart of the school. The vision of 'Profound Individual Growth' aligns perfectly with my own educational values, and it is clear that Whitehill is a very special place to belong."*

Mr Mills will of course continue to lead the school for the remainder of the academic year, and we will all work closely together over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Simon to Whitehill and to working with him as the school continues to go from strength to strength.

Your sincerely,

*Emma Dorrell*

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Chair of Governors

