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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to announce details of the Board's unanimous decision to appoint Mrs Lois Osborne as the successor to Mr Walsh as Executive Headteacher and Chief Executive Officer of Canonium Learning Trust.

Throughout the selection process Mrs Osborne impressed the Board with her warm engaging style, sharp intellect laced with an extremely pragmatic approach to leading a school along with her intuitive understanding of how to build and develop the excellent work and legacy of Mr Walsh.

Mrs Osborne is currently Headteacher at Larkrise Primary School in Chelmsford. This school is part of The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust where in addition to her headteacher role Mrs Osborne has responsibility to lead on all matters connected to the curriculum across the Trust. This will be invaluable experience as we work towards developing our Trust by encouraging more school partnerships.

Having qualified with a First Class Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in Primary Education, Mrs Osborne's career started in her home county of Essex before relocating to London where she gained invaluable inner city experience in the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

Mrs Osborne lives in Chelmsford with her husband and two daughters. She loves spending time with her family and can often be found exploring the great outdoors either on foot or by bike.

Mr Walsh and myself have already commenced a smooth handover process to ensure Mrs Osborne is able to hit the ground running on her first day in post.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hayman

Andy Hayman CBE, QPM

