

## The Island Project School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, we have been negating with HS2 for several years regarding the impact on the School. We are currently in negotiations with HS2 to identify alternative premises within the current vicinity as a matter of urgency. This is a huge project which will require a lot of focus both on a strategic as well as a practical level to ensure minimal disruption to our pupils

This of course coincides with the need to develop the 19/25 provision and the wish to establish a small residential facility. These, in conjunction with the move of premises, are consuming all-encompassing projects that demand significant time away from the day to day operation of the School.

The last 6-12 months has seen more and more of my time spent on managing the impact of HS2 and the area of provision development. This will only become more disruptive as the projects gain momentum and the pressure increases.

Many of you will be aware that Sarah Gallagher, the Compliance Director, has taken more and more responsibility for the daily running of the School. The Board of Trustees have therefore approved that Sarah takes on the role of School Principal, and this will take effect from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

I will take on the role of Executive Principal and will focus on the strategic projects of risk management, mitigation and provision development, Although Carol will continue to direct the curriculum, ethos and direction of the education delivery, she will also be assisting on the project areas mentioned above. I will continue to have a hands on role in the School, and will always be available if required. However, I would ask that you address any questions or concerns to Sarah in the first instance.

Paul Quigley will remain in post as Commercial Director and Nicole Sheehan will remain in post as School Manager.

I wish you all a good Easter break

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Walters-Hutton  
Executive Principal

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