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Dear Parent/Carers,

### **Important Staffing Update for Parkhead Primary and Nursery Parents**

We're writing to share some important staffing updates for Parkhead Primary and Nursery. As we approach the end of the school year and look ahead to August, we have a few changes to announce within our dedicated team.

### **Welcome Back and Heartfelt Farewells**

We're delighted to welcome back Casey Carmichael, who will be returning to work on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We know she's looking forward to being back with us, and we're thrilled to have her rejoining our team.

We also have some heartfelt farewells to announce. After many years of dedicated service to Parkhead, Shona Walker will be retiring, with her last day being next Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Shona has been an invaluable member of our staff, and her commitment to our pupils will be greatly missed. We wish her a long, happy, and fulfilling retirement, filled with all the best.

Additionally, Rachel Lambert and Brandon McCorquodale will be finishing their time with us next Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We are very grateful for their contributions to Parkhead Primary and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

### **Leadership and Nursery Team Updates**

We're pleased to share that Zoe Gordon has been successful in obtaining the Acting Depute Head Teacher post at Linlithgow Primary School. Her last day at Parkhead will also be next Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her all the very best in this exciting new chapter.

To ensure a smooth transition, we're pleased to announce that Katrina Warden, currently a Principal Teacher at Calderwood, will be seconded to Parkhead as Acting Principal Teacher from August. We look forward to welcoming her to our leadership team and benefiting from her experience.

In our nursery, Sarah Watton, our substantive Early Years Officer, will be returning from maternity leave this summer. We're so excited to have her back and know she's eager to reunite with the children and staff! As a result, Mrs. Harrow, who has been our Acting Early Years Officer, will be finishing up with us. We are truly appreciative of

Mrs. Harrow's care that she has provided in the nursery during her time here. She has secured a permanent Early Years Officer post at Bankton Primary from July 7th, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

### **New Teachers Joining Us**

Looking ahead to August, we're excited to welcome two new teachers to our Parkhead team: Mr. Gilchrist and Miss Govan. They will be joining us for the new academic year, and we know they're eager to meet our pupils and contribute to our school's success and vibrant learning environment.

While we're saying goodbye to some valued colleagues, we're also incredibly excited about the new energy and expertise joining our team. Please be assured that these transitions are being managed smoothly, and our unwavering commitment to providing an inspiring, stable, and supportive learning environment for every child remains our top priority. We'll continue to keep you informed of all the positive developments as we move forward.

Thank you for your continued support of Parkhead Primary and Nursery.

Yours faithfully



Louise Delargy  
Head Teacher