

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are ready for the exciting Summer term. I would like to introduce you to two new members of our Yarnfield Leadership team. They will be on hand to support fully on our journey towards better outcomes for all our pupils.

Mrs Aulton will join us as our Interim Vice Principal as Safeguarding and Inclusion Lead. She comes to us with 16 years of experience in Primary Education specialising in a range of areas including safeguarding, behaviour, attendance and special educational needs. She has previous experience of working in various Local Authorities as well working in a number of schools across Birmingham including schools in special measures. Mrs Aulton is a firm believer that all children have the ability to achieve given the opportunity and she is committed to developing an ethos and culture in which everyone is valued and encouraged to succeed.



Julie Aulton
Safeguarding and
Inclusion Lead



Mel Eastwood
School Improvement
Support

Mrs Eastwood is joining us as Interim Vice Principal as additional school improvement support and has over 20 years experience of working in a range of primary school settings and has been the Headteacher at two schools in Greater Manchester. Many of the schools that she has worked in, have been on a journey of school improvement and she looks forward to sharing her experiences with everyone at Yarnfield. She is very passionate about providing personalised learning opportunities for children and enjoys nothing more than being part of the teaching and learning process. She looks forward to helping your child to realise their potential at Yarnfield.

Both Mrs Aulton and Mrs Eastwood have already had the privilege of meeting some of our wonderful children and staff here and look forward to getting to know everyone more in the coming weeks. They are delighted to be joining the team here at Yarnfield and look forward to working with you and your children.

More updates

We wanted to update you on a few of the initiatives that we have introduced at Yarnfield and to share the positive impact they have had on our pupils and staff.



Effective Maths - Staff at Yarnfield and across the primary phase have been embedding an exciting new Maths pedagogy called Effective Maths. Introduced by Mrs Charlesworth our Executive Principal, and enthusiastically adopted by the school's leaders and teaching staff, it takes the best learning from places like Singapore and Shanghai but reflects it through the prism of our own National Curriculum. What has surprised us the most is the enthusiasm with which children have taken to it, initial feedback from pupils and staff has been very positive! The impact Effective Maths has had on Maths already has been fantastic, all year groups have increased outcomes over the last half term.



OTrack - We have also introduced an improved Assessment tool called OTrack to help teachers identify pupil needs and plan effective intervention groups using this. This will increase the impact across the school in pupils meeting the expected standard and greater depth standard.



Reading - We are developing our Reading in all areas around school by having child friendly reading areas which capture children's interests and continue learning from within the classroom. We are investing in new books in year groups to ensure children have sufficient reading books available.

We look forward to sharing with you all about our further improvement ideas that will help us on our journey ahead. As we discussed at our initial meeting, we would also welcome ideas from parents and as part of this we will be looking for parents who are interested in being part of our Parent Liaison group. If you are interested please leave your name at our School Office or come and chat to us as we always be available by the School gates or playground in the morning at drop off and home times. We look forward to continuing working in partnership.

Mrs R. Ali Head of School