

2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new academic year at Bradford Beacon School

I hope you and your families had a restful summer and that you are looking forward to the year ahead. I would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new parents and carers whose children are joining the Bradford Beacon School community. We are delighted to welcome you and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child throughout their time with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the leadership of the school.

At the end of the last academic year, Ian Williams, our Head of School, made the difficult decision to leave Bradford Beacon School to pursue an alternative career path. While this was not an easy decision for Ian, it was the right decision for him and we fully respect and support his choice. We wish Ian every success and happiness in his future career.

We are currently undertaking the recruitment process to appoint a new Head of School. As soon as I have a further update, I will ensure that you are all informed.

In the meantime, I will continue in my role as Executive Head Teacher, providing leadership and oversight across the school.

I am also pleased to confirm that Carla Adams-McCoy has joined us as Acting Head Teacher. Carla has come to us from one of our sister schools, Brinksway in Stockport, and will be supporting Bradford Beacon School two days each week. Carla will work closely with pupils, staff, parents and carers to provide strong leadership and continuity throughout this period.

We are also being supported by Bridgeen Whittle as our Senior Deputy Head, who has also joined us from Brinksway in Stockport and will be supporting the school two days each week, on different days from Carla. This arrangement means that there will be additional senior leadership support on site throughout the week.

I would like to reassure you that the existing Senior Leadership Team, with the exception of Ian, remains in place and continues to work full time at Bradford Beacon School. We felt that, while we are without a permanent full-time Head of School, the additional support and experience provided by Carla and Bridgeen would be important in ensuring strong and consistent leadership for our school community.

On the days when neither Carla nor Bridgeen are on site, I will be in school, as well as being on site on additional days as and when required. When I am not on site, Carla or Bridgeen will have full responsibility for the day-to-day leadership and management of Bradford Beacon School. Together, this provides clear and consistent senior leadership throughout the week and ensures that our pupils, staff and families have the support they need.

I want to reassure all parents and carers that our priority remains the education, wellbeing and progress of every pupil at Bradford Beacon School. We are committed to ensuring that the

school continues to provide a positive, safe and supportive environment in which all of our pupils can thrive.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing admin@bradfordbeaconschool.co.uk

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. We greatly value the positive relationships we have with our families and look forward to working together throughout the year.

We wish everyone a very warm welcome to the new academic year and look forward to another successful year at Bradford Beacon School.

With best wishes

Helen Rigby

Mrs Helen Rigby
Executive Head Teacher