

## **PGCE Trainee Teachers**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware Cuckoo Hall works in partnership with the University of Warwick to train graduates into teachers. Currently we have three PGCE trainee teachers who have been working alongside experienced teachers since the beginning of the academic year. We have Miss Jerome mentored by Miss Kahraman, Miss Abrokwah mentored by Miss Botham and Ms Serler mentored by Miss Abdi.

As part of their training, our trainee teachers are now required to teach 70%-90% of their class timetable. This percentage has been increasing slowly since the beginning of the academic year. Therefore, they will be taking a leading role in the classroom. The trainee teachers will be supported by their classroom teaching assistant as usual and their class teacher mentor will still be around to support where necessary.

Being a trainee teacher is extremely demanding and to ensure high quality teaching, our trainee teachers are monitored regularly with formal observations taking place weekly and they attend all the same training that their class teacher is required to. We recently had a quality assurance visit from the University of Warwick who praised our training programme and the provision at Cuckoo Hall. We are extremely pleased with the progress our trainee teachers have made and are proud to have them teaching as part of our team.

With this in mind, please be assured that your child's educational provision is not being compromised in any way. Your child's class teacher will teach the class where required but the trainee is now responsible for the majority of class teaching. The senior leadership team will still oversee the progress of the children in each class.

As the trainees are now teaching for the majority of the week, class teachers will be redeployed to support elsewhere across the school.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of Cuckoo Hall SLT.

Kind regards,

Nicky Ross

Headteacher

