

The Belham

Primary School 165 Bellenden Road, SE15 4DG, 0208 353 4290, info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk



Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and BPS Staff

We are delighted to let you know that today, Dulwich Hamlet Educational Trust and its schools have taken the final steps and merged with The Charter Schools Educational Trust.

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School and The Belham Primary School are joining a growing family of schools, each serving their local communities across our part of London, enabling greater collaboration, and sharing of best practice in wider teams on curriculum, performing arts provision, wellbeing services, SEND provision, and much more.

It has been very helpful over the last six months to have your feedback on this proposal, and this has helped us to ensure that this is the right decision for the Dulwich Hamlet Educational Trust and its schools. Thank you so much for participating in this process, which has been given the time needed to ensure that all voices have been heard.

Our schools will be joining the Charter Trust at the same time as Lyndhurst Primary School and are now part of a wider family of four primary schools and two secondary schools each serving local communities across Southwark.

Claire Purcell is now appointed as Headteacher of Dulwich Hamlet Junior School, and Liz Cohen is appointed as Headteacher of The Belham Primary School, as Executive Headteacher, Sonia Case, retires today. The Trustees have huge confidence in the leadership teams and know that both schools are in safe hands as they move forward.

The DHET Board is very grateful to the staff and wider school communities for their dedication and excellence which has allowed the Trust to grow and prosper over the past eleven years.

We are extremely proud of what we have achieved and look forward to seeing the schools continue to flourish as they take this next step as part of a wider community.

With best wishes

Crispin Tuckley
Chair of Trustees
Sonia Case
Executive Headteacher