



**BLANCHE
NEVILLE
SCHOOL**
The best of both worlds
for deaf children

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to write to you with an update about our leadership team and also to share some of the successes that Blanche Nevile has had this year.

As you will know, William Dean the headteacher of Highgate Primary School has been leading Blanche Nevile on an interim basis during the summer term. I am delighted that our new headteacher, Geraldine Santiago, will be taking up her post in September as our new full time headteacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank William for his work and support for Blanche Nevile, which has further strengthened the important partnership between our two schools.

I also wanted to update you in some new developments and fantastic achievements in our primary department this year. We have completed the refurbishment of our primary site. Our classrooms have been completely redecorated, with new furniture that included specialist horseshoe tables that provide an optimum learning environment for deaf pupils. We have bought new iPads and laptops for the children to use, to give them the very best educational experience. We have updated our IT systems, so that we can track your child's progress and achievements even more closely; and we have invested in a new minibus, using charitable funds that we have raised, so that our pupils can enrich their learning through school trips. Importantly, we have secured long awaited funding for state of the art Radio Aids to update our current system.

Blanche Nevile Primary featured in a BBC News story this year, as part of Deaf Awareness Week, in which our pupils had the chance to express their views and demonstrate the importance of Sign Language. Following this story, and some other positive press about the school, we have welcomed some international visitors, from Sweden and the United States of America, who have come to see the Blanche Nevile way of teaching. The children have also been invited to take part in filming of the Horrible Histories Series, have undertaken partnership trips to other deaf schools and some of our staff have taken part in the Deaf Olympics!

As well as our new headteacher, we have recruited some fantastic new classroom teachers who will start with us this autumn, and who will bring new energy and experience to the school.

I am extremely proud of what Blanche Nevile pupils and staff have achieved this year. Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to even greater achievements next year!

With very best wishes for the summer,

Jonathan Duff
Chair of Governors