

2 July 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new interim Executive Headteacher for Carisbrooke, who is joining the school to help ensure the transition to being part of HISP is as smooth as possible. I look forward to meeting you soon.

In terms of my background, I have always been passionate about making sure that every child receives the best possible education; one which prepares them to meet the world. I have led academies in London and Portsmouth and have a particular interest in the role of technology in education. My previous secondary school won a global award for digital transformation. I am very much looking forward to championing Carisbrooke's motto of 'Aspire and Achieve'.

As Executive Head, I will hold Ofsted accountability for the school and I know you will expect improvement, at an appropriate pace. Working closely with Miss Begley, the trust, and governors, we will build on the school's previous best through clear vision and strategy and move forward together.

Carisbrooke staff are very dedicated to the young people in their care and looking forward to joining HISP and the opportunities it will bring. My role in this is to be a solid bridge and ensure a process of continuous review so that staff are fully involved in shaping the future of the academy. It is my ambition to create a good energy so that staff feel good, are inspired to do their best work and, in keeping with the ethos of HISP, school improvement is sustainable.

I was delighted to visit the school yesterday and could feel the sense of pride in Carisbrooke. I cannot wait to join and help the legacy of the school to come through as we continue to strive for success for all. I know how proud you are of the caring community that is Carisbrooke and intend to ensure that we go from strength to strength. I will be on site on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and start formally on Monday 8 July, 2024.

In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer. I have visited the island many times over the years to enjoy its scenery and attractions and feel very blessed to have the opportunity to be part of the Carisbrooke community.

Yours faithfully



Ms Natalie Sheppard
MA NPQH NPQEL
Executive Headteacher