



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's News

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful two weeks for St Mark's and it is great to have everyone back in school. The building is once again full of voices, laughter and curious children who are eager to learn. The children have had an amazing return, which is a joy to observe and be part of, their behaviour has also been outstanding, with all of them quickly adapting back to rules and routines. **Best Wishes, Ms Braithwaite**

## We have two new Chairs

Hello, we are Flora and Robin and we wanted to introduce ourselves, as we are the new Co-Chairs of Governors at St Mark's. As Co-chairs, we lead the governing board, who oversee the workings of the school.

Flora is a professional fundraiser working for the charity, The Prince's Trust. She is also a local councillor representing Tollington ward (which St Marks's school is in) on Islington council. She lives locally just off Holloway Road.

Robin is a former lawyer who now has a number of different business interests, including property investment, legal accounting outsourcing and a florists and flower school. Although based in Edinburgh, he spends a lot of his time in London where some of his business interests are – and where his son lives and works.

We have both sat on the governing board for a number of years and we are looking forward to getting to know the school even better in our new roles – and to meeting as many of you as possible when things start to return to normal!

## FOSM

Thank you to the parents who were part of our first 'Friend of St Mark's meeting this week. It is great to have you on board and we are delighted that you are going to be leading our summer fair this year. If other parents would like to get involved, please see Ayesha.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents who have selected a time slot for their parent consultation next week, a link will be sent to you on the day of your meeting. The teacher will lead the conversation with time for you to ask questions at the end.

Please note the following information regarding your 10-minute appointment.

1. After ten minutes, the session will automatically end
2. You **must** display your child's name on your screen so teachers know who you are.
3. Please ensure you arrive in the waiting room at least two minutes before your allocated slot

## Jamal

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that Jamal has left the staffing team at St Marks. Jamal has been both a pupil and a staff member of the school and is also a key figure in the community.

It was a very difficult decision for him but he has decided to take a break from London and pursue other things. I know he will be greatly missed by us, the children and many of you.

He might have stopped being a colleague, but he'll always be a very special friend. We wish him happiness and success and hope that he will visit soon.

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

*Psalm 119 Vs 105*

*St Mark's School Vision*