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Thursday 25th June 2026

Dear Shacklewell Families,

I am writing with a further update on the news that Mr Trahair will be joining Shacklewell as our new Headteacher.

Mr Trahair visited the school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, where he had the opportunity to spend time with the children and meet many members of staff. Some of you may also have seen him at the school gates. It was wonderful to see how warmly the children welcomed him and we are excited for him to become part of our vibrant school community.

While I am sure we will all miss Mr McGrath and wish him every success in his next chapter, we feel incredibly fortunate to be welcoming Mr Trahair to Shacklewell. He joins us from one of our sister schools within the federation and brings with him a wealth of experience, a strong commitment to children's learning and wellbeing and a genuine enthusiasm for working in partnership with families and the wider community.

Over the coming weeks, Mr Trahair will be spending time at Shacklewell getting to know our children, staff and families and learning more about the things that make Shacklewell so special. Please find below the dates of his upcoming visits:

Wednesday 24th June

- Spending the day at Shacklewell, visiting classrooms and getting to know the children and staff.
- Delivering an assembly to the children.
- Joining the EYFS team to review the Reception outdoor area and explore opportunities to further enhance children's learning experiences.

Saturday 27th June

- Attending the Shacklewell Summer Fair.

Monday 6th July

- Attending the Shacklewell Parent Council meeting.
- Meeting with Mr McGrath to discuss the school's strengths, priorities and aspirations for the future.

Friday 10th July

- Attending the Shacklewell Summer Showcase.

Monday 13th July

- Joining the parent information session for new Reception families.

Mr Trahair is keen to get to know our school community and hear from families. If you would like to arrange a meeting with him, please leave a message with the school office and this can be arranged.

I will also be sending a further letter shortly outlining the school's leadership and headship structure, so that families know who to contact should they have any questions, queries or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support during this period of transition. We look forward to welcoming Mr Trahair to Shacklewell and to working together to ensure that every child continues to thrive, feel valued and achieve their very best.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Reid', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicole Reid

Executive Headteacher