



26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very pleased to let you know that Mrs Claire Hepher (pronounced He-fer) has been appointed as Headteacher of Haytor View Primary School!



Mrs Hepher is an experienced headteacher, school leader and a great fit for Haytor View. Many of you met Mrs Hepher in the playground this week and were impressed with her presence and engagement with both children and parents. The children, staff and leaders at Haytor View are very excited about this appointment. Mrs Hepher will be visiting the school several times this term and we will inform you when her start date is confirmed.

In the meantime, Miss Butler will continue to lead the school successfully. Everyone is pleased that Miss Butler will remain at the school as the Deputy Headteacher, once Mrs Hepher starts as Headteacher.

This appointment has been a joint and successful process between the school governors, leaders and Connect Academy Trust.

The process of the school joining Connect remains on track for 1st October 2025. You will not notice many changes immediately and we will keep you informed of developments as the school joins a family of like-minded schools and professionals.

Best wishes,

Robert Doets
Chair of Governors

Stuart Bellworthy
CEO of Connect