



22nd October 2025

Dear Haytor View parents and carers,

We are very pleased that Mrs Hepher is able to start her role as Headteacher on Thursday 6th November, earlier than planned. Throughout November and December, Mrs Hepher will be in school as Headteacher at Haytor View every Thursday and Friday, until she is able to start full time in January. On a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, for the rest of the Autumn term, Miss Butler will continue as Acting Headteacher. Miss Butler will still be in school on a Thursday and Friday, as Deputy Headteacher.

As the school migrates into Connect Academy Trust systems, you will start to notice a few changes. The first of these will be Arbor, which will replace the School Gateway for payments and messages to and from school. You will be provided with further information about our Arbor parent portal and app after half term.

To enable essential training to take place soon, there will be a 6th non-pupil day (in line with all Connect schools) on Monday 5th January. The Spring term will now start on Tuesday 6th January 2026 for all children.

Connect are looking forward to working with Mrs Hepher and all of the children, staff, governors and parents/carers at Haytor View.

Best wishes

Stuart Bellworthy
CEO, Connect Academy Trust