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Dear Europa parents,

As promised in my end of term letter I am writing to you to announce that Marie Gaillard, a class teacher in our French Stream, has been appointed to the post of Deputy Head of Primary for the stream languages from September 2023. Marie will work alongside Sarah Kynoch, who will continue to manage the English side of the curriculum. Together they will lead the primary school reporting to me. Marie has been a class teacher at Europa School UK for the past seven years and has had previous leadership experience at an école élémentaire in Amiens, France. At Europa, she has developed strong links with universities and participated in projects to support our bilingual model, including the development of the language curriculum. Marie also helped coordinate the planning and implementation of the new stream language support provision with other coordinators. Before joining us, Marie taught for a year in a French/Spanish school in Ecuador and always enjoys hearing Spanish spoken around our school.

I would like to congratulate Marie on her success in the recruitment process where we had a very strong field of candidates, and I wish her all the best in her new role.

I am also delighted to announce that the school has been successful in achieving authorisation for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years programme (MYP). This means that the entire secondary school now has IB world school status. I acknowledge the work and commitment of Rosemary Butcher as MYP coordinator and all the secondary staff in achieving this important milestone following almost five years of curriculum change. I also would like to thank Jackie Holderness, our linked governor for education for her support in the authorisation visit and Andrew Brent who, as the Chair of Governors at the start of this application process, was instrumental in leading discussions with the Department for Education concerning the school's future curriculum.

The school has come a long way from its European school roots, but I am really excited about the future, and I firmly believe that our IB world school status will provide an outstanding education for all your children as they move through the school.

With my very best wishes

Lynn Wood, Principal

N.B. The general regulations for the Middle Years Programme are available on the IB public website (<https://www.ibo.org/become-an-ib-school/useful-resources/>).