



Thursday 11th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have seen today, there has been a lot of interest in local newspapers and on social media, regarding the origins of Beckford Primary School's name.

In the news, you may have also seen that, across the country, statues, monuments and place names that have troubling associations are causing real pain and grief right now for local communities. In response to this, Camden Council have set up a cross-party review to examine statues, monuments and place names.

As a school, we stand together with the local authority in rejecting racism. We also believe in educating our children, so that we can move forward together towards an equal society.

Yesterday, I met with governors to discuss changing the name of the school and we agreed that, subject to the outcome of the Camden review, we will seek to start the process on consulting with stakeholders about a new name.

Therefore, we will initially be consulting parents of children at the school, whose views will take priority. We are committed to engaging with the school community and will involve our families, staff, governors and children within any decision making.

If you have any questions please contact me at: admin@beckford.camden.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Drake', is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Sam Drake, Headteacher