

2nd July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last I can announce our staffing changes for next year. It is with great sadness that I announce that we have 4 members of staff leaving us at the end of this year.

Mrs Murphy, who has been with the school for over 40 years. She has seen many changes and has been a real supporter of the Academy throughout all of them. Mrs Murphy has supported over 1600 children on their journey through the Academy, is now going to enjoy her retirement. I would like to thank her for all these years of services.

Mr Hope is also leaving us. He joined the Academy 2 years ago and has been a valued member of staff. However, Mr Hope is not a born and bred Yorkshire man, as you already know and he is returning to his homeland up North in Sunderland.

Miss Bowkett is leaving the Academy but not the Trust. Miss Bowkett is going to be a Director of Learning for Delta Academies Trust. This role will see her go into other Academies to support best practice and improve outcomes for children.

This leaves Miss Smith. Miss Smith joined us at the beginning of the year, after returning from a year travelling. As some of you know, she is a Barnsley girl through and through and the travelling distance to work is too much, so she is going to work in a school in Barnsley.

All these members of staff have brought something unique to the Academy and shall be missed so very much by staff, children and parents. I wish them all well for the future.

This leads me onto staffing for next year.

EYFS Team: Miss Davis, Mrs Keetley, Mrs Brain, Mrs Richardson & Mrs Mears

Year 1: Mrs Oates & Mrs Rowse will job share and Miss Glasby with another teaching assistant who is yet to be confirmed

Year 2: Mr Goodman and Mrs Wallis

Year 3: Miss Braithwaite and Mrs Huntington

Year 4: Mr Webster and Miss Jackson

Year 5: Miss Armstrong and Mrs Craft

Year 6: Mr Cooke and Mrs McNally and Miss Tucker

SENCO: Mrs Rowse

I have been fortunate that, as of yet, we have only one entirely new member of staff starting, Miss Braithwaite in Year 3. Mr Cooke has worked as a Director of Learning for the Trust for 2 years and has previously worked at The Vale Primary. Mr Cooke will also be Assistant Principal. Mrs Ellis will be on maternity leave from the beginning of September, but I'm sure she will be popping in throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Taylor
Head of Academy