

26th September 2022

STAFFING UPDATE

Dear parents / carers,

I write to you with a staffing update that will be taking place at the end of the Autumn term in advance of the children returning after the Christmas break in January.

As you are aware, we had some significant staffing changes in the summer, with staff leaving and joining the school for this new school year. Unfortunately, I have to share with you further news of two staff members who will be moving on to new chapters in their careers at the end of this term.

Mrs O'Daly will be leaving the school after many many years here. She has held a huge range of roles and responsibilities during her time here, including Acting Headteacher, and most recently Assistant head, Y6 teacher and SENDCO. She has had such a huge impact on the school's success over the years and I know will be a big loss to the staff and school community. I know when any of you speak to her she will explain that she didn't take this decision lightly, but an opportunity presented itself that she simply couldn't turn down. Mrs O'Daly is taking a change of direction in her career in education and will be leaving us to work as a specialist inclusion teacher. Her years of experience and knowledge working with SEND pupils will now be benefitting many children across a large number of schools. We wish her all the best in her new role.

In addition to this, **Mrs Selman** will also be leaving the school at the end of the Autumn term. After many years at Aston Hall, teaching in a range of different year groups and making key contributions to its success, she will be moving on to something different also. Mrs Selman will be staying within our trust but going to work within Secondary education. Although another big loss to our school, I know Mrs Selman's knowledge and skills will bring her great success in this new role. We wish her all the best and like Mrs O'Daly, thank her for her contributions to the school over the years.

I am aware that for our Y6 pupils and parents/carers, there may be some initial concerns or questions raised. Rest assured that as a result of this, we will be appointing an experienced full-time class teacher and SENDCO to start at school in January, giving the pupils the best provision possible during their final two terms with us at Aston Hall.

As head, I always aim to keep our school community as informed as possible, including staffing changes, but I'm sure you can appreciate there are often many factors and complexities involved with such things. **We are sharing this news today with the children in school as well as yourselves.**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you,



Mr Holmes
Headteacher