

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some important personnel updates with you.

Firstly, I am very pleased to share the wonderful news that, on my planned retirement at the end of August, Mrs Clair Smith, our current Deputy Headteacher, will become the new Principal of Laceby Stanford Primary Academy from September, 2026.

Mrs Smith has served as Deputy Headteacher at LSPA for over 8 years and has supported the development and improvement of our super school for well over a decade. She is an exceptional leader who is fully dedicated to ensuring that LSPA continues to be the very best it can be for our pupils, our staff and wider community. Her appointment follows a rigorous recruitment process involving Governors and representatives from Wellspring Academy Trust. Importantly, pupil voice was also a valued part of the process, and we were incredibly proud of the thoughtful and mature contributions our pupils made throughout.

Having served as Headteacher here for over 11 years, this role has been the greatest privilege of my career. I will truly miss the wonderful pupils, staff, families and community members that make Laceby Stanford Primary Academy such a special place. I have enjoyed working with a brilliant team of staff and Governors, including Mrs Wink, Chair of Governors, who is both a supportive and experienced role model who strives to ensure the best for our school too and I am grateful for both her and Mrs Smith's support.

I am absolutely delighted that Mrs Smith will be taking over the role as Principal and know the school will continue to thrive under her inspirational leadership. We will continue to work together over the coming months to ensure a positive transition and will be letting the pupils know the good news today too! The pupils at LSPA make us smile everyday and we are so proud of their achievements!

Also, I am happy to inform you that our new Senior Office Manager has now joined us. Mrs Leeann Horsfall will be working with us for half of each week and will spend the remainder of her time working in the same role at another local primary school, Coomb Briggs Primary School, which is also part of the Wellspring Academy Trust. Such opportunities for collaboration within the Trust are very exciting.

Mrs Horsfall, along with our office team, will be very pleased to meet you and will be happy to assist with any queries, concerns or support you may need. Thank you to Miss Marshall, Admin Assistant, and Mrs Raven, Trust Operations Manager, who has supported the office through this transition period and we have been so grateful for your contributions and help.

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In addition, we will shortly be informing you of further staffing updates regarding a new teaching assistant role and a further admin assistant role at school. I will do my best to keep you posted!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our wonderful school at this very exciting time!

Yours sincerely,

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