



CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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6EP Class Teaching Adjustment

Dear Parent

I am writing to inform you of a change to class teaching arrangements for 6EP with effect from Friday 26th March. Miss Price, has recently tendered her resignation as she is due to move to Derbyshire after Easter. Unfortunately, in addition to the planned move Miss Price has learned, in recent days, that a family member is severely ill in New Zealand and she will need to travel there prior to Easter, hence the earlier change to the teaching arrangements.

I would be the first to recognise what a loss this will be for families of all children in 6EP. Miss Price is held in the highest regard by all at Chesswood for her outstanding care and dedication to the high need support class. There are few teachers with the qualities necessary, let alone able to put them into practice so successfully. Miss Price has, in this most difficult of years, built confidence and inspired children in her class enabling them to meet and overcome the challenges and frustrations they face. I know how much children and families will appreciate Miss Price's work and will want to wish her every success and happiness in the future.



Since Miss Price tendered her resignation, school leaders have worked to ensure the arrangements for 6EP going forwards are of the highest quality and Miss Price's shoes could be filled successfully. I am pleased to confirm that has been achieved. We have appointed Mr Graham Powell to lead 6EP from the 26th March. However, he will team teach with Miss Price from Monday 22nd March to ensure there is a thorough and meaningful transition from Miss Price to Mr Powell.



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Mr Powell joined Chesswood Junior School in 2019 as a teaching assistant after many successful years as a primary teacher. At that time, Mr Powell made a career choice to pursue his aspiration to work in schools supporting children with special educational needs and pastoral needs and step away from general primary class teaching. Again, Mr Powell is highly regarded and has that special level of care and understanding that is vital to lead 6EP successfully. This opportunity is perfect both for Mr Powell and 6EP, as Mr Powell is already working in Year 6. Put simply, we have been incredibly lucky here to secure such a positive transition.

It is inevitable that there will be some disruption to learning and teaching, however we are seeking to keep this to an absolute minimum. In the meantime, it is important parents acknowledge, with their child, despite changes in teachers, your child should continue to remain focussed on being the best they can be, regardless of the teacher leading the lesson and continue to show courtesy, care and kindness to both adults in class and children in their class. They have been brilliant at doing this so far this year and in continuing to act in this way, the effect of any changes in teacher will be minimised.

We understand that the Summer Term in Year 6 is an important term to support the children in their transition to secondary school. This will, as always, be a process where the whole team around the class will support them – Mr Powell, Miss Daly, Mrs Fellows, Ms Radcliffe, Mrs Peace and the Pastoral Team. Additional transition support will be offered to all of the children in the class and can be discussed within the Summer Term SEN Review meeting. Given the change of staffing, 6EP will be prioritised for meeting appointments in the first half of next term.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

The children will be informed today in class. Should you, or they, have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email vradcliffe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully



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