

Thursday, 22nd June 2023

Dear Families,

I am sorry to be telling you all that, due to unexpected family circumstances, I have resigned from my post as Head of School here at Temple Grafton.

This school has been a major part of my life for over twenty years, and it has been a great privilege for me to have worked with the children, families, staff and governors that make Temple Grafton such a very special place. This course of events was not part of my plan; however, I know that my commitment and time will be needed elsewhere going forward, meaning that I would not be able to fulfil my role here in the way that I would wish to.

Thankfully, I will be leaving you all in very good and familiar hands. Tara Yorke, our Assistant Head has today been appointed as the new Headteacher and I know she will be as committed and passionate about the future of the school as she is about the children she has taught during her many years here at TG.

September will begin with a fresh team, led by Tara:

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Kate Adcock has taken up the post of Headteacher at our sister school in Henley; our new SENCo will be Vicky Irvine who has fulfilled the role at Tanworth Primary, another of our MAT schools, for a number of years.

We will also be welcoming Cressida Dolphin as our music teacher, two afternoons a week; she will be replacing Rhiannon Benjamin who will be reducing her work commitments to spend more time with her family.

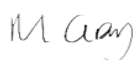
We are interviewing for our new Class 3 teacher on Monday, and I will be letting you know the details of that appointment once the process has been completed.

Our school office team will be made up of Kiri Harvey, who will be the new Fi, in the role of Office Manager, and Amy Walters as Admin Assistant.

Our school caretaker, Ian will be leaving us tomorrow to begin his new life in Evesham. We have appointed a facilities management team who will be starting with us from Monday, 26th July to manage our caretaking and cleaning requirements.

I know how lucky the new team are to be joining this school, led by Tara from September. I still have the remainder of this term to enjoy being a part of the TG family but would like to thank you all now for all the support and kindness you have shown to me through the years.

Best wishes,



Mary Gray
Head of School