Benwick Primary School



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Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to update you all with regards to the current leadership situation at school.

It's with sadness I inform you that due to health reasons Mrs North will not return to the school prior to her retirement date at the end of December 2019. The school and governors are in regular contact with Mrs North ensuring her welfare and also making plans for the end of year assembly when she will return to allow staff, parents and pupils to say their goodbyes.

The governors and local authority have been working tirelessly over the past days and weeks to ensure consistent, good leadership for the school up until the end of the autumn term. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Cathy Carlisle and Mr Richard Lloyd will be taking on the leadership role within the school. Going forward Mr Lloyd will be taking overall responsibility 3 days a week and Mrs Carlisle the remaining two, this will mean that every day of the school week there will be visible leadership. Both Mrs Carlisle and Mr Lloyd are accomplished head teachers with many years of experience, both will be working together for the good of the school and your children.

The head teacher's recruitment process is ongoing and I am confident we will be in a position to appoint a new head teacher to start at the beginning of the spring term.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to either Mrs Carlisle or Mr Lloyd when you seem them around the school, alternatively I am always contactable via email – <u>chair@benwick.cambs.sch.uk</u>

I understand this has been a worrying time for parents, I thank you for your patience whilst we have worked to resolve the situation and hope, along with me, you look forward to a positive term with new leadership and a bright future for the school.

Kind regards Øarren Gore

Chair of Governors.