



The Parkside School

Head Teacher's Update



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Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to take the opportunity to share with you the following:

Staffing

Our Deputy Head, Kathy Chappell has asked me to let you all know that she will be stepping down from this position from September. Kathy has been with us since 2014 and needless to say has built a close relationship with staff, pupils and parents alike over the years, and therefore wanted to give you all as much notice as possible to this change.

Uniform

We will be moving away from the current system of ordering through school and are setting up provision for online ordering for parents and cares directly with Birds of Dereham. A link to Parkside School will be added to this page from January

<https://www.birdsofdereham.com/shop/category/specialist-schools-519/>

White Lion Café

We are currently in talks with two charitable organisations regarding them Body. We do currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, details of which can be found on our website.

buying the business and taking over the café to continue meeting the needs of our community and school. I will keep you updated on progress with this.

Quality Assurance

As some of you may be aware, Ofsted has rolled out a new framework for schools. We have reflected these changes in our Governing Body Committees and are reporting towards this. We have also had our first independent assessor in the school for Quality Assurance purposes. They will be in termly to review and question our working which is a valuable procedure for us.

Attendance

Some parents have received letters recently in relation to their child's attendance. The school has adopted best practice procedures in line with Government advice and safety. If you receive a letter and wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Governors

Having made the decision not to pursue academisation, we are now building capacity in our Governing

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support so far this year. It is through this support that we can continue to ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils.