



Hoyland Springwood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing Changes at Hoyland Springwood Primary School

I am writing to let you know that we will have some staffing changes in January 2021. Our Parent Support Advisor, Lynda Smith is leaving the school as she has secured a promotion as a Family Intervention Keyworker with Tenancy Services at Bernslei Homes. This is a wonderful opportunity for Miss Smith and we are so proud of her for being successful in her promotion. Miss Smith has worked tirelessly for the school for five years and has brought great enthusiasm, determination and empathy to the role. She has been dedicated to the school, children and especially to the parents throughout her time working at Hoyland Springwood. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Smith all the success in her future career as she will be sadly missed but we know this promotion is one she has worked very hard to achieve and will excel at.

We are pleased to inform you that after a rigorous appointment process, we have appointed a new Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Sarah Johnson who will be joining us on a permanent basis in January. Mrs Johnson has many years' experience working as both a Family Support Worker and is currently a Pastoral and Welfare Lead in a Primary School in Pontefract. She is absolutely thrilled to be joining Hoyland Springwood and we know she will be a huge asset to the school.

Finally, Mrs Liz Armstrong is leaving us at the end of term as she has decided the time is right for her to retire. Mrs Armstrong has dedicated 33 years of her working life to Hoyland Springwood School. She has loved and supported pupils across the school over all these years and we cannot thank her enough for all that she has done. Many of our parents still remember her fondly as a dinner lady. She then progressed to become a Teaching Assistant and latterly a Cover Supervisor. Mrs Armstrong and her band of merry ladies are responsible for the beautiful displays that you will have seen around school. Even though our parents cannot currently enjoy them due to the restrictions, these displays are as good as ever, providing the children with stimulating and interesting surroundings which is a vital part of school life. Her incredible skills, calmness, determination, artistic skills and talents will be greatly missed here at Springwood. Although we are sad that Mrs Armstrong is leaving, we wish her the very best of luck, health and happiness in her retirement. (Although, I suspect she will be a very regular and welcome visitor back to school).

Both Miss Smith and Mrs Armstrong have loved their time at Hoyland Springwood and we all thank them so much for their determination, commitment and passion for the Hoyland Springwood community. They will both be sorely missed by all the staff, pupils and parents alike. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both the best of luck in their future endeavours and they will forever be welcome at Hoyland Springwood.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

