

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

Over the years, I have written many letters to parents, informing you all of forth-coming events, highlighting future dates, celebrating school successes and many more different elements. However, writing this letter to you is proving to be the most difficult and challenging of tasks.

As some of you will be aware, I have worked at Shobnall Primary School for 14 years as both deputy head teacher and, of course, head teacher. In that time, I have had the privilege of teaching many fantastic children, working alongside incredible staff and meeting, and getting to know, many families within our school community and beyond.

Since becoming head teacher just over three years ago, I have been immensely proud of the achievements of our children and the outcomes that we consistently maintain. This has resulted in Shobnall Primary maintaining its outstanding achievements and high standing in league tables. In fact, Shobnall Primary is officially the most popular school in Burton with a significant number of applications for pupils wanting to join our incredible EYFS class.

As I have already stated, this is the most difficult task to date as, I am writing to inform you that, as of September 2019, I will no longer be head teacher at Shobnall Primary School.

I have been appointed as head teacher at Rykneld Primary, Branston. It has taken a lot of consideration to make the decision to leave Shobnall. I have worked here for so long and I can honestly say that I thoroughly love coming in to work each and every day. However, the time is right for the school to now be handed over to another school leader with a vision for furthering the school's standing both within the local community and the wider JTMAT.

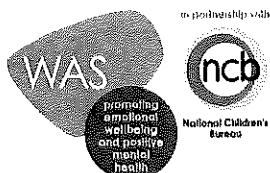
At the time of writing to you, I am unable to inform you of who will be recruited to become the new head teacher at Shobnall Primary School but what I can assure you is that both Mrs Dixon, our Chair of Governors and Mike Donoghue, the CEO of the JTMAT have already begun to put plans in place.

We have a governors meeting scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and we hope that further details will be finalised at this meeting. The Governing Body have asked me to inform you that you will all be made fully aware of any decision making prior to the half term holiday. It is hoped that we will be able to inform you of these details week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Yours sincerely

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