



17th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this month the County Council's education department asked Andrew Rossington and Arno Vale's Governors if we would agree to help a primary school in Sutton-in-Ashfield which needs support. That help will see Mr Rossington acting as an associate Headteacher at Brierley Forest Primary and Nursery School for three days a week, starting in January and finishing at the end of the summer term. He will be at Arno Vale for the remaining two days a week and will return as our full time Headteacher for the start of the 2020/21 school year next September.

The Governing Body has discussed the move with both Mr Rossington and his Deputy, Chris Baker, and we believe it offers some great personal and professional opportunities for Andrew, other Arno Vale staff and the school as a whole. We also believe that in Chris Baker, we have an outstanding Deputy Head who will step into Andrew's role as acting Headteacher from Monday 6th January, for three days a week.

Chris will be supported by Lizzie Oates who will become acting Deputy Headteacher for the same period. Bianca Baker will be released from her year three class and will be taking over Mr Baker's maths groups from Monday to Wednesday. She will then be teaching 50 for those afternoons to release Miss Oates for her Deputy Headteacher duties. As a result of this, Lindsay Ainley will become the full time teacher in 3AB.

We are fortunate that Arno Vale has a deep pool of talented teaching staff and we are confident this temporary change to the school's leadership structure will see Arno Vale Junior School continue to flourish.

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to discuss the changes, you can approach Mr Rossington and Mr Baker before the end of term. I am also happy to answer any questions on behalf of the Governing Body – please feel free to email me at paul.coffey@arnovale.notts.sch.uk

Finally, on behalf of all Governors, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Governing Body

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