



16th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, Mrs Garside, who was our Special Educational Needs Leader, left us at the end of last academic year to take up an exciting new position as a SEND consultant. Mrs Lawrence has been caretaking this role during the Autumn Term whilst we were able to make an appointment to the role.

I am delighted to inform you that we have now appointed an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for SEND and Pastoral care. Mrs Rachel Douse will take up her position after the Christmas break and is very much looking forward to joining Team Dowson. She is an experienced SENDCo and senior leader in her current school. Nevertheless, we want to ensure as careful handover as possible to ensure your children continue to receive the best provision and support possible to meet their needs.

Therefore, Mrs Lawrence will support Mrs Douse during her first weeks getting to know our school and our pupils; this will include engaging Mrs Garside's consultancy as part of her induction.

Within the first weeks of Mrs Douse joining us, we also hope to have a coffee morning during which you can come along and meet her so that she can begin to get to know the families with which she will work closely with. We will send out a date for this nearer to the time.

I know that you will join me in welcoming Rachel to Dowson. The SEND and Pastoral team in school continue to do amazing things for our children every day to make sure they are thriving, happy and achieving well. Rachel joining to lead this team will ensure this great work continues.

If you have any questions or queries around any of this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Assuring you of our best intentions as always,

Kind Regards,

Mrs K. Thornburn
Principal

