

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a great deal of sadness that I must inform you of Mrs Jee's intention to step down from her role as Headteacher at Goring Primary School. On behalf of the Governing body, I have accepted her resignation.

You will be aware that for the last 6 months Mrs Jee has been receiving treatment for leukemia and as one would expect, this has been met with her usual mixture of determination, selflessness and finding the positive in the storm.

There is no doubt that this will be a great loss for the school. It would take more than this letter to list the impact Mrs Jee has had on Goring Primary and the neighbouring community. Having worked at Goring for 18 years, firstly as Inclusion Leader and then Headteacher, there is not an area of the school that does not have the Mrs Jee hallmark woven deeply into it.

It is impossible to visit the school and not see evidence of the values that are so important to her. Respect, Aspiration, Faith, Fun, Love, Equality and Self-Worth. All of these are in plain sight and easy to spot. Like the wise man who built his house on the rock, these are the very foundations that underpin everything we do at Goring.

Consequently, as a Governing body we know that Goring school will continue to flourish. We will nurture your child so that they achieve their God given potential. We will offer opportunities outside the classroom and commit to achieving great outcomes for all children. Most importantly, we will ensure that the Christian ethos will continue to be the 'heartbeat' of the school, valuing and supporting all who pass through the school gates.

I know that Mrs Jee has been so encouraged by your messages of support and prayers. Please do continue to pray for her and her family as she continues with her treatment. As the staff get used to a new season, please encourage them; especially Mr Ireland who, along with Mrs Whitaker has provided crucial leadership in the last 6 months.

The Governing body will now work with the Diocese and the Local Authority to start the process of appointing a new Headteacher. Mrs Jee will remain a key figure of the school, but will not return to work before the expiry of her notice period on 21st April 2025. I am sure at the appropriate time there will be the opportunity for all to show Mrs Jee what she has meant to each of us.

Best wishes

Tim Ransley Chair of Governors

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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