

21st April 2020

Staffing Update

Dear Parent's,

I know that you will be aware that there have been many changes in school with regards to staffing. In an ideal world I would have preferred to invite you all into school, in person, to explain the plans for the school. Unfortunately, the current situation is far from ideal.

The purpose of this letter is to give parents an update on the current situation and what actions the Governors will be taking in order to ensure that there is stability in school going forward.

Mr Hennigan

Mr Hennigan has taken to the decision to leave his post here at St Edmund's. Mr Hennigan was first appointed as a Deputy Headteacher before his promotion to Headteacher. I know that Mr Hennigan was a tremendously kind and compassionate Headteacher, popular amongst the children, the staff and parents alike. Many parents will be aware that Mr Hennigan sadly lost his wife after a long battle with cancer, he has two sons and at this moment in time he has taken the decision to relinquish his role as Headteacher here at St Edmund's. Mr Hennigan will be sadly missed; he and his family remain in our thoughts and prayers and we wish him all the best for the future.

The Governors will be seeking to recruit a new Headteacher as soon as possible. Clearly the current lockdown will have an effect upon their ability to make an appointment. For the remainder of the school year Mr Lawman will remain in post as the school's Executive Headteacher.

Mrs Williams – Class 1

Mrs Williams has taken the decision to leave her post here at St Edmund's. Mrs Williams has been the Assistant Headteacher here at St Edmunds for a number of years. Mrs Williams recently moved into Class 1 after spending many years teaching in the juniors. Mrs Williams will be sadly missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Johnsen will remain as the Deputy Headteacher until the end of the school year. Miss Baxter has joined the team St Edmund's from Woodlands to teach the children in Class 1. Miss Baxter is an outstanding teacher and will teach the children for the remainder of the school year.

Miss Baxter will be in touch with the children and parents from class 1 on Thursday.

Mr Brammer

Mr Brammer has secured a teaching post at St James' Catholic Primary School in Skelmersdale. Mr Brammer was appointed by Mr Hennigan as an NQT and has taught in Key stage 2 during his time here. Mr Brammer is passionate about sport, which he has led at St Edmund's for a number of years. He has also taken responsibility for choir during his time here. Mr Brammer will be sadly missed by all of us here at St Edmund's. The post at St James' will allow him to broaden his own experience and we wish him all the very best for the future. Mr Brammer will continue to work alongside Mrs Chadwick supporting the children's learning online until the end of May.

Miss Vause

Miss Vause has taken the decision to leave her post here at St Edmund's. Miss Vause has taught here at St Edmund's for many years in Key Stage One. Miss Vause played a significant role in school in developing Religious education. Miss Vause was an excellent RE subject leader and popular amongst the children and staff. We wish Miss Vause all the very best for the future.

For the remainder of the school year, Miss Dawson will remain as the class teacher in Class 2.

Miss Eaton

Miss Eaton has been teaching the children here at St Edmund's since before Christmas. Given that Mr Brammer has now returned to work, Miss Eaton's temporary post here at St Edmund's has ended – we thank her for all of her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.

Staffing arrangements for the remainder of the school year

Headteacher	Mr Lawman
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Johanson
Class 1	Miss Baxter
Class 2	Miss Dawson
Class 3	Mrs Chadwick
Class 4	Mrs Buckley

Kind Regards

Mr S Lawman

Executive Headteacher St Edmund's Catholic Primary School