



3rd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some important news regarding our staffing team. After six years of dedicated service to our school community, our SENDCo, **Mrs Rebecca Simister**, will be leaving us on **13th March**.

Mrs Simister has accepted an exciting new role that will see her travelling internationally to support schools around the world with SEND provision and Safeguarding. This is a wonderful opportunity for her to use her expertise on a global stage, and while we are immensely proud of her achievement, she will be greatly missed by pupils, families, and colleagues alike.

During her time here, Mrs Simister has made a significant and lasting impact on our school. Her commitment to ensuring that every child receives the support they need has been unwavering, and she has championed inclusive practice in every aspect of her work. Many families will know firsthand the care, guidance, and reassurance she has offered, and her influence will continue to be felt long after she moves on.

I am also delighted to announce that **Mr Tyrone West** will be joining our team as **Deputy Head for Inclusion (SEND, Behaviour & Attendance)**, starting on **16th March**. Mr West is currently working with the Department for Education on their national Attendance Programme, and he brings with him extensive leadership experience alongside a strong track record in improving outcomes for children and young people. We look forward to welcoming him to our school and are confident that he will build on the strong foundations already in place.

We are currently finalising arrangements for SEND leadership during the transition and will continue to keep you fully informed to ensure continuity and support for our pupils.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Simister for her exceptional contribution to our school, and in warmly welcoming Mr West as he steps into his new role. Mrs Simister leaves with our deepest gratitude and very best wishes for her exciting new chapter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Skingsley'.

Headteacher