



Whitchurch Church of England Primary School

14th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is, in many ways, with sadness that I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving my position as Headteacher at Whitchurch Primary School at the end of this term to take up a post as Lead Safeguarding Advisor for Hampshire. This decision has not been easy, especially after only two and a half years in this role and I have spent a lot of time thinking this through.

When I took up this post, my intention was to be here for at least 5 years, probably 10, and possibly until I retired and I certainly had no plans to be going anywhere for a good period of time. However, the role I am moving on to is a great opportunity for me and a role which will allow me to continue supporting children and schools in a different capacity. It is a role that comes up rarely and it is something I feel compelled to pursue at this time.

Moving forward, Mrs. Dunwell will step up as Acting Head for the summer term, with Mr. May as Acting Deputy. The Local Authority will be recruiting for a new Headteacher to start in September. In the meantime, I have every confidence that Mrs. Dunwell and Mr. May will ensure that the school continues to provide excellent education and support for your children.

I appreciate that my departure may cause some anxiety, but I want to reassure you that the school is in a good place moving forward. The team of staff here are incredibly hardworking, dedicated, and passionate about what they do. I have absolutely loved my time at Whitchurch Primary School. The children are a joy and an inspiration, the staff are supportive and a great team, and I have received a huge amount of support from you as parents and the community.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this transition.

Yours sincerely,

Cindy Pritchard

