



The Cedar School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing Updates

As the school year comes towards a close it is time to bid a fond farewell to some colleagues who are moving on to exciting new opportunities and also to warmly welcome colleagues who will be joining the Cedar team in September.

I have already shared Sophie's richly-deserved promotion to the Assistant Headship at Linwood School in Bournemouth and the happy news that Molly will be taking maternity leave from the end of September. We are very pleased to be welcoming Charlotte, Anna and Conor to our teacher team. We are also delighted that Ryan will be teaching a class full time from September.

After an amazing 33 years, Gloria Noble, lunchtime assistant, will be retiring at the end of this term. I am sure that you will all agree that 33 years is an exceptional commitment to The Cedar School during which time Gloria has worked with every child in the school. We thank Gloria for over three decades of service and we wish her every happiness for her retirement. Gloria is going to join our Friends Committee so she will remain involved in the life of The Cedar School!

After 23 years of working with children at Cedar, Debbie Vincent is leaving the school. We thank Debbie for her dedication to the children which includes driving and looking after children on a number of residential visits. To give up so much of her own time for the children is really appreciated and we wish Debbie every happiness for the future.

We are also sad to be saying 'goodbye' to Tracey Devine, SSA in Emerald Class. Tracey wants to reduce her hours and to work in a school a little closer to her home. Similarly, Sharon Deakins, SSA in Blue Class, is leaving to take up a post as a teaching assistant in a school very close to her home. We thank Tracey and Sharon for their care and commitment to the children at Cedar and we wish them both every happiness for the future.

We look forward to welcoming three new SSAs to the team in September - Aimee Sullivan, Skye Moody and Sapphire Lennan. We were very fortunate to have a strong field of applicants for our SSA vacancies where Aimee, Skye and Sapphire shone through.

*The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people.
It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.*

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I would also like to express our collective thanks to Colin Grant who has stood down from our governing body after serving as Chair of our Finance and Resources Committee, as well as being our Vice Chair of Governors, over several years. Colin played an instrumental part when the new school building was designed and constructed and has always put children first in all that he does. Our thanks and very best wishes to Colin and to all of our governors for the time and commitment which they freely give to Cedar.

From our NHS team of colleagues, Sandra Turnbull, Occupational Therapist, has decided to move on from Cedar. Sandra has asked me to share that she will really miss all of the families at school and that she will always hold Cedar very close to her heart. Thanks to Sandra and to all of our NHS staff in school for the wonderful work which they do. We all send Sandra best wishes for the future.

With my best wishes as always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Revell". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Neil" and last name "Revell" clearly distinguishable.

Neil Revell
Headteacher

