



Headteacher – Mrs Rachel Hocking

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Dear Parents

I am writing to share an important staffing update regarding a valued member of our school community.

After 12 years of outstanding service, Mrs Ellis will be leaving Lobley Hill Primary at the end of this term to pursue the next chapter of her professional career. As a truly exceptional practitioner, Mrs Ellis has consistently demonstrated a caring demeanour and calm approach across all elements of her work.

Throughout her time here, Mrs Ellis has shaped the lives of countless children and families, embodying the very best of our educational values. Her dedication and commitment have been remarkable. Mrs Ellis will be moving to work in a private nursery setting. While this is our loss, we are genuinely excited for her new opportunity and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

To ensure continuity for our children, Miss Martin, an experienced member of our teaching team who has spent considerable time as a reception teacher, will be moving into Beech class and working alongside Miss Smith. Miss Martin also spent some time in our Nursery last summer. A wealth of transitional work is ongoing behind the scenes to ensure this change is carefully managed for all children.

We are confident that this transition will be smooth and supportive for our children.

Warmest regards

Rachel Hocking
Headteacher