

# MILTON ABBOT SCHOOL



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Chair of Governors: Mrs Jane Byrne

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well. Further to our letter on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February, I wanted to provide you with another update regarding the leadership of our school.

As you will know, our Headteacher Chris Luxford initially elected to take a sabbatical from his role, a decision we firmly supported as Governors. During this interim period, the school has been brilliantly led by Mrs Elizabeth Underwood, who has become a vital part of our school in a short period of time.

Following further thought, Chris has taken the decision to resign from the role of Principal and move on from Milton Abbot Primary School. We fully respect Chris' decision and have accepted his resignation. We would like to sincerely thank him for his hard work and dedication since becoming Headteacher in 2015, and I know you will all join me in wishing him well for whatever comes next.

As was previously announced, Mrs Debbie Buckingham will be leading the school after the February Half Term. Debbie has continued to meet and get to know our children and staff over the past few weeks and is hugely excited to begin her time as Headteacher. Throughout this period, she will of course be supported by our brilliant team of staff to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible.

As part of this, Elizabeth Underwood will remain linked with the school as a Curriculum Specialist, and our leadership team will be bolstered further with the introduction of Mrs Suzie Stevens, an Early Years Specialist who will be joining us for one day a week. Suzie is currently Principal at St. James CofE Primary and Nursery School in Okehampton and is passionate about supporting young people to have the best possible start in life. As such, I am sure her expertise and enthusiasm will be invaluable to our school. Alongside this, I am pleased to say that Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust are continuing to provide invaluable background support for our school, something which is benefitting our entire school community.

We look forward to our new leadership team enabling the school to continue to grow from strength to strength, and I know you will all make them feel incredibly welcome.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Additionally, should you wish to send Chris a card or donate to a collection for him, please do place this in a sealed envelope and hand in to the school's office.

Kind Regards,

Jane Byrne

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Byrne".

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