



7th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are well and looking forward to the summer break. I am writing to let you know about some members of staff that are leaving us at the end of the year and the new ones that are joining our team in September.

Firstly, Mrs. Falvey, who has been working as our Inclusion Manager and, more recently, as the Acting Deputy Headteacher, is taking a very well deserved retirement after 22 years at the school. She will however, continue to support the school on an ad hoc basis with our SEND provision and I am sure you will see her around from time to time even though she will be very busy with her grandchildren.

In addition, Mrs. Bicheno who has been at Lincewood for 19 years in her role as an LSA is also retiring in order to spend more time with her family.

From the teaching staff, Miss Gill is leaving to take up a promotion, Mrs. Friend is going to teach in a Special School and both Miss Johnson and Miss Smith are leaving to improve their work/life balance. We are also temporarily saying goodbye to Mrs Hughes who is off on maternity leave for most of the academic year.

I am sure that you will join us in wishing all of these fabulous Lincewood team members all the very best in their new ventures.

We will, of course, be welcoming lots of new staff to the school and they will be visiting us from next week in preparation for the new year.

Mr. Towers has been appointed as the substantive Deputy Headteacher and Miss Shepperd will be taking over the role of SENCO and job sharing with Mrs. Gilmour in Year 2. In addition, Miss O'Conner, Miss Thorburn, Miss Phillips-Toman and Mr. Janes have been appointed as teachers in Reception and Years 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

We are looking forward to starting the new year with less Covid restrictions and hopefully a return to normal school life.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Braithwaite
Headteacher