

ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to tell you that I shall be leaving Elvington Primary School at the end of the summer term, in order to take up the position of Headteacher at Copmanthorpe Primary School.

After five years at Elvington, moving to Copmanthorpe is a huge career development opportunity for me. However, it is with very mixed feelings that I make this move.

I am very sad at the thought of leaving this wonderful school, but I know I leave it in very safe hands, with a great team of staff to continue to move the school forward. The strength of the teaching and support team in this school is second to none, and I am very confident that the school will go from strength to strength in the coming years.

I will be here until the end of July, and will work tirelessly with both staff and governors to ensure a smooth handover to the new Headteacher. The school's governors were informed about my departure at our meeting last night, and they will now make it their priority to manage the recruitment of the school's new Headteacher. I know that they will do this very well, and will spend the necessary time and effort needed to find the right person for Elvington.

I cannot thank you enough for the support you have given me during my time as Headteacher, especially during our recent Ofsted inspection. My time as Headteacher here has been the best of my professional career, and it remains an absolute privilege to work with you all – adults and children alike.

I realise that this news will inevitably create a period of uncertainty, but please rest assured that the strength of the leadership at Elvington is unwavering and that the team of teachers, teaching assistants, admin staff, kitchen staff and everyone else employed at the school that it has been my privilege to work alongside will ensure that the ethos and strong moral purpose that I have created will continue unabated, building upon our commitment that every child grows in knowledge and skills throughout their primary education.

I am also delighted and very proud that Mrs MacDonald has also been appointed Headteacher at Chapel Haddlesey Church of England School in Selby. I do realise that she will be missed dearly by the children, with her passion and commitment to the teaching profession being hard to match. However, I can assure you that I shall work in partnership with Susan Watson, the Chair of Governors, to ensure that we appoint a replacement for Mrs MacDonald who will nurture, challenge and support the children just as much.



I will keep you all informed as the process to find a new Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher progresses. In the meantime, I will be making sure this summer term for our children is the best yet! To that end, I am already planning a whole school trip to Bridlington again for a day on the beach, complete with sunshine!

Yours sincerely

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Mrs J. Rogers