



AISKEW, LEEMING BAR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardians

I'm writing to inform you that the Chair of Governors, Elaine Bean, has reluctantly resigned from her position due to relocation and the difficulty of trying to work with the school from a distance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the school and to welcome Sue Richardson as the new Chair of the Governing Body. Sue is a retired headteacher and CEO of a multi-academy trust in Darlington and she is looking forward to working with the existing governing body, staff, parents and children at Aiskew Leeming Bar CE Primary School. She is keen to support the school in its continued drive for improvement and to ensure that children enjoy their learning and make good progress.

I also wanted to update you with some exciting news regarding key staffing arrangements from the 16th April. The governors are delighted to let you know that Mrs Bethany Stanley will be our full time acting head teacher and will also take the lead on teaching the Key Stage 2 class. The pupils and staff met her on Friday when she visited our school. It is a positive opportunity for governors to provide greater consistency for parents and children by having an acting head teacher based in the school on a fulltime basis. Mrs Stanley is currently a deputy head teacher at a larger school in North Yorkshire and she will work closely with myself and Mrs Manning for the remainder of this term to ensure a smooth handover. I will also continue to provide support during the summer term for the newly appointed acting headteacher in order to ensure some consistency and continuity.

The governors and LA are working hard to secure the services of a long term supply teacher for the EYFS/KS1 class. I will write to you shortly to let you know who will take responsibility for the teaching of this class for the summer term.

The school thanks parents for their patience and loyalty during what has been a very difficult period of changing staffing. Many schools face these challenges at some point but with a new staffing plan in place here at Aiskew Leeming Bar, the school can continue to move forwards.

A date for your diary:

The newly appointed Chair of Governors, Sue Richardson and the Acting Headteacher, Bethany Stanley along with a representative from the Local Authority would like to invite you to a coffee and cake session on Tuesday 17th April after school. This will offer you the opportunity to put a face to a name, ask questions and find out how well the school is doing.

Yours sincerely

Mr M. Watt
Acting Headteacher