



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

13th December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to let you know that we will have a change to the St Bernadette's staffing structure after Christmas.

The Governors always like to look at change as positive, however with new staff joining us, it means there will be a sad farewell to get through first.

Mrs Atkinson will be leaving us to take up a new career opportunity. It will certainly seem very strange not having her on the team as she has been with St Bernadette's for 20 years; I know many will struggle to imagine St Bernadette's without Mrs Atkinson. We will miss the professionalism and enthusiasm that she has brought to the teaching role and how she always supported the wider life of the school and of course her sense of humour and ability to always be one step ahead! I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success as she moves onto new adventures.

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Laura Kirkpatrick who will be joining us as the Year 4 class teacher. Mrs Kirkpatrick is a highly experienced teacher who has taught Reception up to year 6. We are delighted that she has accepted the offer and is looking forward to meeting parents, staff and children.

Mrs Helen Paddock will also be joining the staff as a part time PPA teacher (planning, preparation and assessment cover for teachers). Mrs Paddock will be covering in Reception to Year 5. Mrs Paddock has covered as a PPA teacher for many years and is looking forward to continuing her role within St Bernadette's. Mrs Salisbury will still be part of the St Bernadette's team, delivering intervention lessons across the school.



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Mrs Lisa Gambit, another experienced teacher, has been working part time delivering interventions and booster lessons to children within our Key Stage 2 department. After Christmas, she will be covering in Year 6, two afternoons a week for Miss Greenhalgh; Mrs Topping will continue to deliver our Forest school sessions across the school.

As you can see we have quite a few role changes. If you have any questions about this news, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We wish everyone the very best of luck for their exciting next steps.

Yours sincerely

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