

Risdene Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Before Christmas I wrote to you explaining that Mrs Abel will be taking up the position of Acting Principal, when I go on maternity leave in January. This Friday (19th) will be my last day before I go on maternity leave for the next few months. All being well, my intention is to then return on the 2nd July. However, I will be keeping in touch and I'm looking forward to watching the school improvement journey.

Risdene is full of wonderful children, who are blossoming into independent learners and thinkers and I am proud to be handing over the reins to Mrs Abel, having received improved KS2 progress results and such positive communication from parents.

Creating a new life is so precious, but I am reminded of the African proverb: 'It takes a whole community to raise a child'. As parents or carers we make decisions about all aspects of our children's lives, but we entrust others to help support, guide and teach our children so that together they grow into confident and resilient adults. The staff at Risdene do take this responsibility seriously.

I know with Mrs Abel at the helm the school will continue to grow and develop and she will build on all that Risdene is about. Mrs Claire Radd, has taken up the position of acting Vice Principal and her experience as a Senior Leader and headship has been very much welcomed. Her passion and values clearly align with us and she has already started to work tirelessly with Mrs Abel in improving outcomes and opportunities for the children of Risdene, carrying on the journey that we have started.

From me, this is not goodbye, but see you soon.

Take care

Miss Mills

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