



Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that, after five enjoyable years as Head at Etonbury Juniors, I have taken the decision to accept a new position back in Cumbria. I will be leaving Etonbury Academy at the end of this term.

This new challenge will allow me to continue to learn and grow professionally whilst being closer to my permanent home and my family in Cumbria. I can say with complete honesty that Etonbury children are the best pupils I have ever met. We have children who are full of compassion, who care for one another and live our values every single day. They make me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life. I will miss both them and a great team of teachers, colleagues and friends.

Thank you for all your support during my time in school. It has been a great journey seeing our 'school within a school' come to life and grow - year on year. I have so many things to be grateful for, not many Heads have the experience of having an entire staff team that they love working with. They all work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. They make it a joy to come into work each day and I will miss this extended family. I have also been surrounded by a leadership team who had a vision and worked with me to make it happen.

With your child's best interest in mind - and to ensure consistency and continuity - I am pleased to announce that Mr Sale has been appointed as the new Head of Juniors at Etonbury. Mr Sale joined us last year having had many years experience being a Head in two other local schools and our Year 6 results have gone from strength to strength under his direction.

Message from Mr Sale

*"I am delighted to have the opportunity to become Head of Etonbury Juniors - I have 17 years of teaching experience, 15 of which have been in Central Bedfordshire. I have worked across a number of schools and contexts, with pupils age ranges from 2 – 18. In previous posts as a Headteacher, I rapidly improved standards; taking it from underperformance to achieving national standards and beyond in many areas of the curriculum. I was then Headteacher of an Outstanding Lower school before joining Etonbury.*

*I look forward to being able to continue the excellent work of Mrs Whittle, ensuring we provide the very best education to our pupils in a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment.'*

As you'll agree, all the team at Etonbury Juniors are passionate and committed to the future of the school and in providing the best education possible for all our children and they look forward to working with you closely over the coming months.

We have informed the children that I am leaving Etonbury, so any further queries or questions they may have please email me on [lwhittle@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:lwhittle@bestacademies.org.uk).

Kind regards

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