

Federation of Pinvin C of E First
School and St Nicholas C of E Middle
School, Pinvin

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Executive Headteacher Mr Andrew J Best



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the school after what we hope has been an enjoyable half-term break. The purpose of this newsletter is to update you regarding the appointment of a new Executive Head Teacher (EHT), our short-term plans for when Mr Best leaves and plans to continue our collaboration with Himbleton First School.

On the EHT appointment, we sent out an advert and job specification in the week before the half-term break with a closing date of the 10 November for applications. We are looking for someone who will meet the high standards set by Mr Best and we are hopeful that we can share news of his replacement before the end of term. If we cannot find someone suitable, we will not rush to appoint and instead will renew the search in the New Year. As a result it is important that we have an appropriate plan in place to cover the time between Mr Best leaving and his replacement starting.

We are pleased to announce that that Mrs Rebecca Chatterton and Miss Natalie Rushton have agreed to be Acting Head teachers across all three schools from January 2018 until the new EHT starts in post. (Mrs Chatterton for the Pinvin and Himbleton First Schools and Miss Rushton for the Middle School). It was important to the governors that the disruption from Mr Best's departure was kept to a minimum and we are confident that both Acting Heads will be able to maintain the excellent progress that the schools have made since the start of the Federation. Both will be mentored by an experienced consultant Headteacher.

The governors have decided that although the Himbleton collaboration has only been in place for a short period, it is important that the collaboration continues. There have been a number of short term benefits in sharing of best practice across the schools with perceived longer term benefits from increased pupil numbers at the Middle School and a smoother transition between schools. As a result the interim plan includes maintaining the collaboration and the new EHT will be responsible for Himbleton too.

We will let you know when we have further details on the EHT appointment. If you have any questions, then please contact us via the school office.

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