

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

A Church of England School



Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of my decision to step down as Principal of the Academy. Over the past two years I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the school and supporting its development over time. As many of you know I have been at the school for 10 years and I am very passionate about improving the life chances of every child we serve. I am very proud of the improvements we have made at the academy. However, this role has taken a great toll on my personal life and I feel it is now time for me to prioritise my own health and family and explore new opportunities for the next stage of my career. I will remain with the school until the end of the autumn term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the years. There is no doubt that we have witnessed great change over time, and this has been strongly supported by the community.

During the past two years I have seen young people enjoying their education, wanting to achieve and proving fine ambassadors for the school and their families and I am confident outcomes will continue to improve with the wonderful staff we have been able to retain and recruit.

Mrs Roach, the Executive Principal for Tudor Grange has been working at the school for the past 18 months, supporting me and the senior team and she will continue to lead on the strategic decisions for the school. Mr Bannon, who many of you know, will return full time after Christmas as an Associate Principal, to support on the day to day running of the school for the rest of the academic year.

Mrs Roach will write to you and introduce herself before January and she will keep you updated on the longer-term arrangements for my replacement.

Once again, thank you for all your support. I assure you that you and your children will have my full attention and commitment for the remainder of this term. I feel a strong sense of affection and loyalty to this community and that has made this decision even more difficult. This school and community will always have a special place in my heart.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal.

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