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Dear Parents Carers

### **Staff Retirements**

We are coming to the time of year when there are changes in schools as staff make decisions about their futures. In this letter I am particularly letting you know about three staff who will be retiring.

Mrs Pickett our Deputy Headteacher will be retiring at the end of this term, her last working day will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Pickett has been a member of staff at the school for 11 years and has contributed a huge amount to school during that time both as a class teacher and for the last 7 years as a senior leader. Whilst at the school she has worked with and supported many children and families and has been a real advocate for children who have parents/carers in the Armed Forces and Pupil Premium children, ensuring that they are actively supported and engaged in school. The Learning Behaviours that we have in school have also been promoted through the work that Mrs Pickett does on a weekly basis and her expertise will be greatly missed.

Mrs Wilson Woodham, following a University of Chichester academy recruitment process, has been appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher and she will take up this post at the beginning of September.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Welfare Assistant to replace Mrs Peace who will also be retiring at the end of term after 16 years of working at the school. Mrs Peace has worked tirelessly to support children with any welfare and First Aid needs they have in school. She has also supported families in liaising with health services and ensured that Health Care Plans are in place for the safety and wellbeing of all children.

Mrs Strachan, who has supported the school over many years as part of the site team, will also be retiring.

All of these staff members will be sadly missed however I am sure that you join me in saying a big thank you to them and would wish them well as they enter retirement.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Geddes  
Headteacher