



# LUMLEY PRIMARY FEDERATION

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Dear parents and carers,

## Staffing changes across the Lumley Primary Federation

I am writing to inform you that we have some staffing changes from September 2023 across both of our schools. Unfortunately, we say a fond farewell to:



Miss Cerys O'Connor our wonderful nursery teacher. Miss O'Connor has always had a dream of teaching abroad and I am delighted that she has been appointed as an Early Years teacher in a prestigious international school in Cairo! Miss O'Connor is an outstanding teacher and will be greatly missed by all.



Miss Grace Will, one of our fabulous Reception teachers. Miss Will has a passion for learning new cultures and for travel. She will join Miss O'Connor as an Early Years Teacher in the same international school in Cairo. Miss Will is an exceptional teacher and will be sorely missed by our school community.



Mr. William Golding, one of our excellent Year Six teachers has been appointed as the Deputy Head Teacher of Sacriston Academy. Mr. Golding completed his final student teaching placement at Lumley Infants before being appointed as a newly qualified teacher at Lumley Juniors. Ten years later he has secured a Deputy Headship. I am delighted for him and know he will be a fabulous school leader!



And finally, Mr. Paul Brown, one of our excellent teaching assistants who has worked in both of our schools, leaves to pursue a new career in computer programming. Mr. Brown has provided 1:1 support for some of our pupils and ensured they have accessed an inclusive and tailored curriculum.

We will miss them all so much but are proud that the experience, knowledge and skills they acquired in both of our schools has ensured their career progression. On behalf of all the governors, staff and children we are eternally grateful for their tireless commitment, hard work and dedication to our schools. I am sure you will join us in wishing them the greatest success in their new roles.



In September, we welcome two new members of staff. Mrs. Lauren Watson has been appointed as our new Year Three teacher following a rigorous recruitment process. Mrs. Watson currently works at a primary school in County Durham and has eleven years of experience working in schools. Her performance during the recruitment process was outstanding and she was the children's first choice! She will teach Miss Nicholson's current Year Two class from September. Mrs Watson will be meeting her new class on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Lumley Infants.

We also welcome Mr. Mark Naile. Mr. Naile is an experienced teaching assistant and currently works in a primary school in Sunderland. He will be supporting pupils across Lumley Infant and Nursery School. The children who he taught during the interview process were so excited and enthused, and he was their first choice by far!

As we come to the end of the academic year, I want to thank our amazing pupils for their hard work, kindness and humour. We are incredibly proud of them all. A special well done to our Year Two pupils who leave the infant site and move to the junior site. I know they will have a fabulous time at the juniors.

And a fond farewell to our Year Six pupils, they are an incredible bunch! The performance of our pupils in the recent Key Stage Two SATS is outstanding and far exceeds the national averages! Despite two lockdowns, numerous bubble closures, and high rates of pupil and staff absences, our children leave with the knowledge, skills and positive learning habits to fly at secondary school. The sky is the limit! We are incredibly proud of them all and know they will go on to achieve great things.

The end of term also marks the first full year of the Lumley Primary Federation. The unity between both schools is cemented and will continue to go from strength to strength. I feel honoured and privileged to lead the Federation and I am fully committed to ensuring our children have the very best primary education which is seamless and progressive from Nursery to Year Six. This vision is shared by staff and governors. The staff in both of our schools are exceptional! Their commitment, passion and dedication have no limits, we are very lucky to have such a great team.

And finally, on behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful and restful summer, and the sun keeps shining!

Yours sincerely,



Tracey Wilson  
Executive Headteacher

