



# Hoyland Springwood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Staffing Changes at Hoyland Springwood Primary School

I am writing to let you know that we will have a staffing change in January 2019.

Mr Petitt has been successful in gaining a promotion within another Trust. He will be working as Primary Maths Specialist for the Trinity Academy in Halifax. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mr Petitt as he will be working alongside other teachers to develop their teaching of Maths. Mr Petitt has worked for the school for four and half years and has brought great enthusiasm to his teaching role. He has been dedicated to the school, children and the parents throughout his time working at Hoyland Springwood. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the success in his future career as this is an incredible promotion and one that I know he will work very hard in.

In January, Ms Helena Brown will be teaching the class full time until the end of the school year. She is a very experienced supply teacher who has been teaching for 12 years, has been a SENCO and has worked in the school and with the class previously. Having worked with Ms Brown over a period of time, I am confident that she will teach the class to the best of her ability. Miss Waugh will no longer be teaching the class on a Thursday and Friday giving her the chance to work in the class supporting wherever she is needed on those days.

The staff have told the children in school today and some were concerned by the news as Mr Petitt has been their teacher previously. Children can struggle with change and of course they all (as do you) know Mr Petitt very well. Working with any new teacher and transition can be difficult for all children and parents as the relationship isn't automatically strong. Ms Brown's priority in January will be to get to know your children well and make excellent relationships quickly in order for them to be reassured by the change. This is something she has expressed to me as her utmost priority.

We have also arranged for some transition days where Ms Brown will work alongside Mr Petitt so she knows exactly where the children are in order to ensure the children continue to make progress during the rest of the academic year.

If you have any questions or comments about this news, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our door is always open.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

