

Heads' *update*

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Dear parents and carers

As you are aware, our Chair of Governors, Ellen Lee, informed you last week of my decision to leave South End after 8 wonderful years! I just wanted to say thank you all for your lovely messages and best wishes I have been receiving since the announcement was made. I have loved leading this school and it will always hold some very special memories for me.

From January 2018, I will be the new Principal of Oxley Park Academy in Milton Keynes. This is an amazing opportunity personally and gives me an exciting new challenge. The school is a large primary, that runs from Nursery to Year 6, and is based across two campuses - the newest of which only opened this month. Best of all, it has lime green walls so South End will be forever with me! During my interview I explained how special South End is and that any school that could tempt me away had to be rather something; I can genuinely say Oxley Park really is.

They always say you should leave somewhere on a high and there is no doubt whatsoever this will be the case for me. South End is flying high and that is thanks to all the wonderful people in it: a truly dedicated and skilled staff team, caring and supportive parents, passionate governors and simply fabulous children. Together we have made South End the great place it is today and the place it will continue to be in the future.

Miss Kaur will be your new Interim Headteacher from January until the end of the academic year. She will make sure the high standards in place will continue to be upheld. Over the coming term, governors will let you know the long term plans for the school's leadership. Miss Kaur and I have worked together for four years now; a match made in heaven! We are total opposites but a true compliment - the school is in really good hands! However, don't be letting her out with the magnolia paint covering all the bright colours which she has threatened me with!

I have ten term time weeks left but I am going to make sure they are ten fab ones! We have loads going on with some exciting events, including all the Christmas celebrations which will be great fun. Within all of this, we may also be welcoming Ofsted Inspectors into our school. Please do shout about how great our school is when they come and make your views heard, either in person or online. Details of how to do this will be shared nearer the time.

For now, it is business as usual and everyday we will all be Inspiring the learning journey for every one of our South Enders.

Best wishes



Noel Springett McHugh
Executive Headteacher