



# Barden Primary School

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**Only my best is good enough for me**

## Staffing Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some staffing updates taking place at Christmas. Firstly, as you already know, Mr Cooper will be leaving Barden at the end of this term to take up a headship position. We are incredibly proud of his achievement and know he will continue to make a positive difference in his new role. We wish him every success as he begins this next exciting step in his career.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Thomas (Nest Lead) and Mrs Ali (Teaching Assistant in The Nest) at Christmas. We are grateful for their contribution to our school community, and we wish them well for the future. Recruitment for permanent replacements for both roles will begin in the New Year. In the meantime, The Nest will continue to be led, as it has been this half term, by Mrs Byrne to ensure stability and consistency for the children.

I am also delighted to share some positive news about our leadership team. With Mr Coombs being promoted to Deputy Headteacher, Mr Holland has successfully completed a rigorous recruitment process and has been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher. This is fantastic news for Barden, and we are extremely proud of him. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Holland on his promotion and welcoming him into this new role.

Staff movement is a natural part of education, particularly in a school where we prioritise professional development and support our colleagues to grow, develop and achieve promotion. Although it is always sad to see valued staff leave, we are proud of the investment we make in our team and of the success they go on to achieve in their careers.

Please be assured that we will continue to work hard to ensure consistency, stability and the highest level of care and support for all children during these transitions. If you would like to discuss any of these updates further, please make an appointment to meet with me or feel free to speak to me on the yard before school in the mornings.

Kind regards,

*Mrs C Holgate*

Headteacher, Barden Primary School