



2nd November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you managed to have a break over half term and that your children are looking forward to Term 2 at Hemington. Over the half-term break I received the news from Miss de Chastelain (Headteacher) that she did not wish to return to Hemington. She has decided that she would like to leave for personal reasons, but wishes the school the very best for the future.

Firstly, I would like to publically thank Miss de Chastelain for her many years of service at the school. It is never easy leading a school, particularly one that is fairly small. In smaller schools, each decision takes a tremendous amount of careful thought so that you avoid unexpected ramifications as a result. Secondly, I would like to wish Miss de Chastelain the very best of luck for the future in whatever she decides to do next.

As a result of this news, I have decided with Governors and Trustees, to make the current arrangements for leadership at Hemington permanent. Therefore, Mr Randell, who many of you will have now met, will be the new substantive Headteacher for Hemington with immediate effect. Mr Randell will continue as Headteacher at Midsomer Norton Primary School as well. However, to support him running two schools, we have decided to appoint a Head of School at Midsomer Norton Primary to remove the burden of day-to-day leadership at this school.

As I have said in previous communications with you, Mr Randell is a very experienced and successful leader and I know he is delighted to be taking on Hemington to ensure the school goes from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely

Alun Williams
CEO

