



16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another year, I would like to inform you of some staff changes for next year.

Mrs Braun has worked at Firbeck Academy for over 20 years and is a much-loved member of the team, spending the majority of her career in Early Years. Having most recently taught Year 1, Mrs Braun is leaving Firbeck to join an early years unit focusing on nursery aged children.

Mr Donegani joined us several years ago on a part time basis and we were delighted when he agreed to join us full time for two terms this year. He is moving to a primary school in the city to train to become a SENDCo.

Mrs Hooker is also sadly leaving us. Having joined Firbeck last year from another Nova school, Mrs Hooker has played a vital role in ensuring that the finance and operating systems we have in place are to the highest standard. Mrs Hooker is moving to a secondary school in the county.

Lastly, as you're already aware, our Focus Provision unit will be moving to a purpose-built facility at Mellers Primary School from September 2021. This unit has been an integral part of Firbeck for more than 20 years. Each staff member consistently demonstrates compassion, warmth and ambition for our wonderful pupils and we wish all of them, staff and pupils, the very best as they begin their new chapter.

Whilst it is always sad to say farewell, it does give us the opportunity to welcome some new staff members.

Mrs Day – Mrs Day will be our Year 2 teacher from September and brings with her a wealth of experience from both KS1 and KS2.

Mrs Hebbs - Originally qualifying as a secondary teacher, Mrs Hebbs has a wide range of experience from EYFS all the way up to year 11. She will be joining us as our Year 4 teacher and also as our SENDCo.

Mr DeMalplaquet - Having successfully completing his teacher training as part of Nova's teacher training program, Mr DeMalplaquet will be joining us as our Year 3 teacher.

Mrs Marshall - With a wealth of school experience, including that of a governor, Mrs Marshall will be joining us as our new Business Manager.

I am also pleased to introduce to you 2 new teaching assistants that will be joining us from September: Miss Gillingham who is new to the school and Miss Norman, who has been working in Year 1 on a part-time basis for the latter part of this year and now joins us full-time.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing the best of luck to those leaving us and welcoming new staff members to the Firbeck family.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and healthy summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on the 6th September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Thornhill
Acting Head of School