

## Worcestershire County Council

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear families,

We are so looking forward to having the whole school back together again on Monday. Technology is wonderful, but there is nothing like being in class with children, where we can teach, learn and interact with each other. The staff team cannot wait and I am sure the children feel the same!

I am writing today to let you know that I have recently informed the Governing Body of my intention to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. It has not been an easy decision, as Astley School is a very special place to work, and I have loved being a part of it.

I began teaching at Astley when my youngest child was two, and will leave having gained two grandsons. Clearly, time has passed! The good book reassures us that there is a time and a season for everything. I believe the time is right to hand on the Headteacher baton, both for the school and for myself.

I am incredibly proud of the strong and experienced staff team we have built together at Astley. They are a skilled and dedicated group, and I thoroughly enjoy working with them. Alongside an equally committed Governing Body, the school is in very good hands.

As school is still closed to half of our pupils today, it has not been possible to share this news myself. If they wish to, there is a video message on Teams which they can view this weekend.

Whilst the Governing Body are busy with the recruitment process, my focus, with the staff, will be on re-establishing high quality learning in school. We want to enjoy learning together again, talk, laugh and play whilst inspiring every one of our children to dream big, aim high and be the very best they can possibly be. We have the rest of the year in which to do this and I very much look forward to getting started on Monday!

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alison Reakes-Williams'.

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Dear families,

Having received Mrs Reakes-Williams's letter detailing her intention to retire at the end of this academic year, I am sure you will join me in thanking her for the many years of devoted service that she has given to not just the school but also the wider Astley community. She has been a wonderful Headteacher supporting generations of pupils and their families and she will be greatly missed by staff, governors and students alike.

Mrs Reakes-Williams will be leaving the school in a very stable position with regards to educational achievement, financial stability and with a wonderful team of staff who are extremely talented, and equally dedicated to the school and its children. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff publicly for the excellent work that they do.

As Governors we shall be working to ensure the ongoing success of the school and expect to make the transition to a new Headteacher in a timely manner. The values which we hold dear will be at the heart of this process and we will provide further information to families as soon as an appointment has been made.

We wish Mrs Reakes-Williams a very long and happy retirement and we shall be marking this occasion with celebrations nearer the time, when hopefully you will all be able to join us!

Thank you all for your continued support of Astley C.E. Primary School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc Stevenson', written over a horizontal line.

Marc Stevenson  
Chair of Governors