



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

It is with sadness that I'm writing to inform you that Mrs Hodgson has decided to move on from St John's Highbury Vale at the end of the school year. I know it has been a hard decision for her to make as she loves the school, but for some time she and her husband have wanted to return north so they can be nearer their families. They will be doing this in the summer and, whilst she and the family settle into their new community, she will be taking a break from education before looking for new opportunities.

Mrs Hodgson has been Head of School for 5 years and, during that time, among many other things, has taken the school through a successful (Outstanding) SIAMS inspection and also led it through the challenges of the Covid pandemic. She has been instrumental in developing the curriculum, been an advocate for much of the well-being in school and introduced exciting initiatives such as Creative Fridays and the Happiness Project. She does not leave us till August and I know she will continue in her dedication to all parts of the school community until her very last day!

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Head of School to start in September. We are fortunate that with our leadership structure of Mrs Read, the Executive Headteacher, and the two Assistant Heads, we can be confident of ensuring a good level of continuity with the successful applicant.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Read at [admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk) and/or myself at [shinton@stjhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:shinton@stjhv.islington.sch.uk)

I know Mrs Hodgson is much loved and will be much missed, so I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking her for all her hard work while at St John's and wish her every success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

**Sarah Hinton**

Chair of Governors

