

The Vale Academy  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your child has had a positive transition morning today. If you do have any immediate questions or concerns regarding next year please contact the following persons:

Reception: Mrs Granger  
Year 1: Mrs Hooft  
Year 2: Mrs Lee  
Year 3: Miss Knight  
Year 4: Mr Henderson  
Year 5: Mr Bengner  
Year 6: Miss Talbot

SEND: Miss Cullen  
Behaviour or wellbeing: Miss Dutton

As we actively begin to move into the new academic year we are inevitably saying goodbye to some of the Vale team.

Miss Chowdhary is moving to a school in St Albans: much closer to home  
Mrs Islip: has been promoted to Assistant Head teacher and is joining Icknield Primary school in Luton  
Mrs Ellyard: having very successfully completed her degree is going to train as a teacher  
Mr Macleod: Is joining Parkfields school as an LSA: again, much closer to home.

Each of the above has paid an essential role in developing our provision at the Vale. We are sorry to lose them all and know that they will continue to enhance children's lives in their new role.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are fully staffed for September and the following teachers will be joining the Vale team:

Mrs Bright: Year 1  
Miss Young: Year 2  
Miss Finnerty: Year 3  
Miss Moore: Year 3  
Miss Mooney: Year 4

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We are extremely pleased to have secured such strong professionals to join the team.

The senior leadership team for September will be as follows:

Head of school: Kate Hoof  
Deputy Head: Tanya Knight  
Assistant Principal: Kevin Monahan  
Assistant Head: David Barker

As I briefly wrote to you before I am also leaving. I have had a wonderful three years at Vale; challenging but rewarding. It has been a daily pleasure working with your children and leading the staff to create an exciting, innovative place of learning for them.

I would like to formally thank the governors for all of their work and support during my time here. As a school we are very lucky to have a group of active governors who care so deeply about your children's education.

Thank you so much for all the kind well wishes that I have received over the past month. It has been an absolute pleasure and honour to work with the Vale Community.

Kind regards,  
Bex Howe

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