



Thursday 27th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know about some staffing changes after Easter.

Miss McLaughlin has a new post as Assistant Principal and SENDCO at West SILC – a series of special schools in the West of Leeds which serves pupils and students from the ages of 3 to 19. We are incredibly proud of Miss McLaughlin for gaining this prestigious promotion. Miss McLaughlin joined Ashfield in October 2015 as Assistant Headteacher. She has taught our pupils in EY, KS1 and KS2. Among her many leadership roles, she has supported subject leaders, been SENDCO and taught our new SENDCO the role. As well as Miss McLaughlin's professional skills, we will miss her warmth, sense of humour and her advocacy for our most vulnerable pupils.

Mrs Davison has secured the role of Deputy Headteacher from after the Easter holidays. Mrs Archer will continue to be our SENDCO.

Year 5 will be taught for the remainder of this academic year by Mrs Archer, Mrs Kelley and Miss Kelley. Planning and transition time between these Y5 teaching professionals has been organised.

Mrs Rhodes will also be leaving us to work as a teaching assistant at a local special school – Green Meadows in Guiseley. We wish to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to our youngest pupils. Mrs Rhodes has endless patience, good humour and drive. She led a new intervention for pupils with speech and communication barriers to learning that led to much praise from the lead Ofsted inspector in June 2013. She has worked at Ashfield since 2015.

Miss Monaghan will be leaving us to be a teaching assistant at Pudsey. This school is much more local to her home. We wish to thank her for her superb organisation, skill at teaching phonics and computing expertise. We will miss her updates on her skating competitions and art and craft flair. She has worked at Ashfield since 2019.

Have a safe and happy Easter until we return to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Yours faithfully,

Elspeth Warren

