

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

News from Mrs Robins

I am writing to let you know some news about my role. I have taken the difficult decision to move on from Faringdon Infant School after February half term. It has been, without fail, my absolute privilege to serve this school and community over the last 4 and a bit years. However, my own circumstances mean that it is time for me to take on a role closer to home and to my own three children. From 28th February, I will be Head Teacher at Lawn Primary and Nursery School in Swindon.

This has been a very emotional decision for me and I am really sad not to take the next exciting steps with our school; becoming Folly View Primary School, and moving to the new site. There is so much to look forward to and I am so proud of our school and what we have achieved already, despite the challenges presented by our site and ever growing numbers! In the time I have worked here, we have seen 2 site moves to and from Faringdon Junior School site, for Reception children and Year Two children; changing admission numbers each year and a great deal of 're-purposing' of spaces to accommodate as many of the children of Faringdon as possible.

However, what is completely clear is that our buildings do not define us! This is a school where compassion, kindness and inclusion are paramount, and I am blessed to work with a team of staff who share these principles and values. We believe in secure relationships, nurturing self-confidence and meeting the needs of every child. We also believe in joyful learning; in laughter and in smiles. We know that children who are happy will thrive. For me, these things make ours a very special school community and I know that our team here will continue with this culture at the heart of everything that they do.

The children who have passed through our school since I started here in 2017, have been the source of tremendous joy and learning for me, and I know how fortunate I am to have been any part of their early education. I can't pretend that leading the school during the pandemic over the last couple of years has always been easy, however it has only served to strengthen the sense of community, empathy and generosity of our school family. You have welcomed me, trusted me to support and guide where I can, and offered me the privilege of working with your precious children. For this, I will always be incredibly grateful.

Our Governing Body, along with the team at Faringdon Learning Trust are working on a plan for recruitment for the leadership here and at Folly View Primary. I am sure that they will keep you posted with information about this as soon as they are able. I look forward to making the most of the remaining months here at FIS!

Thank you for your continued support for me and for all of our team.

All best wishes,

Sally Robins

Head Teacher