

Padnell Infant School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that after 11 years at Padnell Infant School, Mrs Grayson is resigning from her post as Head Teacher. I know the decision hasn't been an easy one for her but we are fortunate that she has provided us with plenty of notice and will remain with us until the end of the 2026 Summer Term.

Mrs Grayson embodies the GROW ethos of the school in everything she does. I have never known a Head Teacher consider the community as a whole when leading the school but this is what she does in everything. Both our children and the community as a whole have been enriched for having her at Padnell Infants as her passion for our children is clear for everyone to see. Mrs Grayson's priority has always been to ensure that Padnell children have the best possible start to their education and develop those important life skills to later go on to be well rounded humans. She works tirelessly for Padnell Infants to the point that I am convinced she bleeds "Padnell purple" and I'm hopeful her resignation will provide her with a well-earned and much needed break.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank Mrs Grayson for her dedication, hard work and commitment to the achievements and development of all of the children she has supported over the last 11 years. We look forward to continuing to work with her for the next 9 months.

Whilst Mrs Grayson will be sorely missed, I want to let you know that the Governing Body has started the recruitment process for a new Head Teacher. We will be looking for a strong candidate to take over the position of Head Teacher. Mrs Grayson will continue to lead the school until her leaving date and school life will continue as usual.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsay Garland
Chair of Governors

Our Padnell promise to be a: Giving citizen
Resilient learner
Original thinker
Wise worker

