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Learning together inside and outside the classroom

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Headteacher Appointment

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce, on behalf of the governors of Isbourne Valley School, that Mrs Stacey White has been appointed as the school's next Headteacher and will join us on 1st January 2027. We must say a huge thank you to the staff and children, and to our Local Authority Advisor, for their help, support, understanding and tolerance during the recruitment process.

The rigorous selection and recruitment process culminated in two days of activities and interviews involving the whole school community. That was an enjoyable, if exhausting, huge joint effort and really did show Isbourne Valley being true to its character, ethos and values. All the candidates were full of praise for the children, their enthusiasm, welcoming smiles, keen and calm attitudes to their learning and their obvious pride in their achievements and their school. We are very grateful to the pupils and staff for assisting us with the process.

Mrs White is currently Deputy Headteacher at Blockley Primary School where she has taught every year group; at present she teaches a mixed Year 4&5 class. She is therefore well versed in the opportunities and challenges of mixed age group classes. She is passionate about our school having a culture where relationships are strong, every child is known and valued and achieves, and learning is meaningful both inside and outside the classroom. She impressed the panel with her knowledge and experience and her clear dedication to making sure the curriculum is the best it can be.

She is a positive, calm, pragmatic and child-centred professional. We are certain she will continue the great work that has been done by Mr Godding and the staff over the last ten years, build on the school's success and take it from strength to strength.

Mrs White will be visiting the school during the Autumn term to get to know us all a little better. We will publish relevant details in due course.

In the meantime, I know the governing body looks forward to continuing to support Mr Godding in his final months as Headteacher and I am sure you will do too.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rachel Bale
Chair of Governors