

Thursday, 06 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that sadly Kate G will be leaving Kilmorie at the end of the autumn term.

Whilst this is very sad news, I would like to take some time to reflect on the incredible work she has done for Kilmorie over the 18 years she has been at the school.

Kate joined Kilmorie as a class teacher in year 2/3 and has given so much to the children that she taught over the years. This was recognised as she was promoted to the role of key stage leader, which in turn enabled her to support a greater number of children through her work guiding and mentoring both children and teachers in her key stage. Kate has not only been an incredible asset to the teaching and learning at Kilmorie she has also given much to the pastoral aspect of school; the numerous sporting events she has organised, coached and attended, building a curriculum that has enrichment running through it and with every FoK event, giving her time to help, cheering on and generally ensuring that each event is as successful as possible.

Kate also led this school through the unprecedented COVID times with clarity and care. I feel she needs to be commended for stepping in as Interim Head at such an uncertain time, it was an enormously difficult task, which she did incredibly well. Upon my appointment and subsequent start, she has been an enormous help supporting me to understand pre-COVID protocols so we together, could assess and decide on the best way forward.

She will be leaving a big space, that needs to be carefully filled. I will be advertising for her role prior to the school holidays, giving time to ensure the advert is seen and investigated in order to support us to get a good pool of candidates. I will be seeking an experienced person to ensure the transition enables us to effectively continue our school improvement plans effectively. I am planning that we will have an extensive handover period to enable our new Deputy Head to 'hit the ground running' from January 2024.

Kate has decided to move away from education. I have no doubt that she will be very successful at whatever she decides to do, and am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck on her new path, whatever that may be.

Kind regards



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Headteacher