



Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys yng Nghymru Rhaeadr Gwy Rhayader Church in Wales Primary School

Pennaeth / Headteacher: Mrs Linda Crockett

11th December 2023

Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to inform you that after Christmas there will be several staff changes at Rhayader School. These have occurred very recently and we are letting you know as soon as can.

I will be having a secondment to work with Estyn (His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education and Training in Wales) during the Spring Term 2024. Mrs Wendy Thompson will be promoted from Deputy Headteacher to Acting headteacher for the term and Mrs Julie Rimmer will be Acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Thompson will continue to be ALNCo and Mrs Rimmer will act as Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Miss Lauren Bradford will be joining the teaching team for 3 days a week to release Mrs Rimmer from Dosbarth Brongoch. Miss Bradford will be visiting school over the next 9 days to meet the class and prepare for next term. Mrs Rimmer will continue to teach Dosbarth Brongoch for 2 days until she returns full-time to class after the Easter holidays.

Mrs Sian Protheroe will continue to work each Monday to support with ALN and well-being. Mrs Lisa Evans, an experienced teacher has been appointed for 3 days to deliver interventions and support Mrs Thompson as ALNCo. Mrs Evans has taught throughout the school this term as a supply teacher to cover teacher absences and already knows lots of the children.

In addition to the above changes, it is with great sadness that we announce Mrs Robyn Price (nee Miss Vaughan) will be leaving us at the end of this term to work in the family business. Mrs Price will be missed as she has carried out so many roles at the school over the years; currently delivering PPA cover for the teachers and intervention programs to identified children. Mrs Naomi Jones will be moving to replace Mrs Price as intervention support and PPA cover.

Mrs Rhian Jones, has requested to reduce her hours to 3 days per week. Mrs Sarah Power will cover the remaining 2 days. Mrs Jayne Davies will be returning to a teaching role and will be replacing Mrs Power in Dosbarth Curyll Coch. Miss Shelby Parker and Miss Sian Gardner will be working full-time in Dosbarth Barcud Coch. Mrs Caroline Bevan-Jones will be concentrating on the delivery of Religion Value and Ethics (RVE) to Dosbarth Barcud Coch

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and Hebog Glas each Thursday to allow for planning time for Mrs Jones, Mrs Power and Miss Gardner.

We currently have a part-time Welsh teaching assistant post advertised to support Mrs Lou Davies and there will be 2 teaching assistant posts live soon (awaiting translations) to cover Mrs Naomi Jones and Mr Craig Edwards. Mr Edwards has requested a reduction in hours and will be working Tuesday and Friday as part of the pastoral team with Miss Carys Jones.

Mrs Sharon Richards will be returning to school on a phased return following her absence from 18th December in Colomen, returning to full-time mid January.

We understand this a lot of information so each part will be summarized on Schoop and facebook to make it easier to understand.

On behalf of the leaders, I would like to thank you all for your support over the year and your patience and understanding. The governors are working hard to ensure that every child gets the best opportunities possible despite reducing budgets and external challenges. The decision to grant secondments and reduction in working hours is to develop staff and experiences for all and will continue to strengthen teaching and learning at Rhayader School.

If anyone has any queries or comments, please contact the school office either by phone or email and someone will be able to discuss these with you.

Yours sincerely,

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