

19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that following a successful and thorough recruitment process, Mr Barry McAlinden has been appointed as the new Headteacher of Oulton Primary School and will take up the post from 1st January 2025. Mr McAlinden is currently the Deputy Headteacher of Gledhow Primary School in Leeds and comes to us with a great reputation. The governors are confident that we have made a really strong appointment and that Mr McAlinden is the right candidate to continue to take Oulton forward to be the best school for your children. I know that he is already looking forward to meeting with staff, parents and pupils and sharing his vision for the future.

Until Mr McAlinden is able to join us, Miss Cooper will take on the role of Acting Headteacher and Miss Brown, Acting Deputy Headteacher. I would like to thank them for stepping up into these roles. During the Autumn term, Mr McAlinden will be liaising with Miss Cooper, Miss Brown and the staff to ensure a smooth transition.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Horton for all his tremendous work before he leaves us at the end of this term. He will be greatly missed by the whole school community. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him every success at his new school.

Best wishes for a great summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Hunter
Chair of Governors