



EMMBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

4th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write today to announce that Mr Jim Usher, our Headteacher, will be moving to a new headship from September 2024. This is a wonderful promotion for Jim, who will now lead a very large school in Surrey.

Whilst we can only congratulate Jim on such a move, we know that it was a very difficult decision for him to make given his dedicated service and the strong affection he has for the Emmbrook community. Jim has been the headteacher at Emmbrook Junior School since 2020 and led the school during the height of the Covid pandemic and through its most recent inspection, which saw the school move from 'Requires Improvement' to 'Good' in 2022. During Jim's tenure we have seen results improve year on year, the number of families choosing Emmbrook Junior School increase and we successfully joined The Circle Trust. We are proud to be part of a school that continues to be over-subscribed and that is highly regarded within the local community.

We will now search for a new headteacher. We will be looking for a strong candidate who will take the school further and achieve even more successes. We do however wish to highlight that Jim will continue to lead the school until the end of the summer term, and school life will continue as usual.

Both Emmbrook Infants and Juniors will have new Headteachers in September. The Circle Trust will play a pivotal role in inducting and supporting the new Heads as they begin their new roles and continue the journey together, in serving the community of Emmbrook.

The new Head will also have the support of a strong and vibrant leadership team in Mrs Jones (DHT) and Mrs Liddiard (AHT), as well as an experienced team of teachers and staff.

On behalf of the Advisory Board, I would like to thank Jim for his hard work, commitment and dedication to the achievements and progress of the children at Emmbrook Junior School. We are very sorry to lose Jim but we wish him every success in his new role.

Christine Mitchell
Chair of Local Advisors

Jim Usher
Head Teacher