

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Following the announcement that Mrs Jill Hibbs is retiring at the end of the academic year, we are delighted to be able to confirm the appointment of Mrs Jude Clements to succeed as Headteacher at Dilton Marsh CofE Primary School.

Going into the recruitment process, there was a clear criterion for the applicants for the post; this was to ensure that the new Headteacher would be able to maintain, and confidently build on, the incredible work of Mrs Hibbs and the wider team. At each stage of her application and interview, Mrs Clements demonstrated a true passion for education, with her warm and approachable manner making her a stand-out candidate for the position of Headteacher. We are delighted that she has enthusiastically accepted the role and will be joining the Dilton Marsh family in September 2024.

Mrs Clements brings with her a great deal of experience, having taught in schools across England for the past 26 years, three as a Headteacher. As a proactive and charismatic leader, Mrs Clements roots her teaching practice in three key values: integrity, compassion and respect; using these values as her foundations, she is dedicated to ensuring that Dilton Marsh continues to flourish.

We know Mrs Clements is looking forward to working with and learning from others at Dilton Marsh and more widely across the Trust. She commented: "I am thrilled to be taking up the position of Headteacher from September 2024. The staff, children and trust have already made me feel extremely welcome and I am looking forward to joining their successful and established team. I am also looking forward to meeting you, as together we move forward into Dilton Marsh's next exciting chapter."

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hibbs for her hard work and dedication that has ensured that Dilton Marsh is a happy, safe and supportive place for all. As you know, she led the school through a highly successful Ofsted inspection, which found Dilton Marsh to be 'Good' across all measures and highlighted the whole school's commitment to delivering a rich and inspiring education to every child. We know she will be greatly missed by all and wish her a relaxing and fulfilling retirement.

In the coming weeks, Mrs Clements will be supported by Mrs Hibbs and central staff to ensure a smooth transition for September. We look forward to working with Mrs Clements and building on Dilton Marsh's many successes in the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

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