

16th July 2026

Dear Families,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some news from Mrs Cross.

As I am sure some of you will be aware, Mrs Cross' husband has recently had two rounds of surgery following a rare cancer diagnosis. The plan now is for him to undergo an intensive period of treatment starting in the next two weeks. Mrs Cross has continued to work over the last six months taking the minimal amount of time off work for appointments and caring responsibilities. However, the time has come for Mrs Cross to now spend time with her husband and support him through this challenging time. We anticipate that Mrs Cross will be absent from work for the first half of the Autumn term and it is her intention to return to work after the October half term holiday.

Mrs Green will be full-time Acting Head Teacher from 1st September, supported by the Trust where necessary. A Year 6 teacher has been appointed (Miss Brew) who is extremely experienced and who will provide a high level of teaching for the first half term in the Diamond Learning Zone.

Mr & Mrs Cross have agreed to share this personal information in the hope that you will give your understanding and support to the team in school in September. They would also like to thank everyone who has been so supportive and for your offers of practical help over recent months.

This has been a challenging time for Mrs Cross and her family and in the midst of this you will also be aware of the flooding that took place only a few weeks ago. Whilst work has started to rebuild the effected areas we are waiting for updates from the contractors with regards to final handover. Our hope is that we will receive the keys back in time for staff to organise classrooms and ensure resources are in place for your children. However, we do have a contingency in place for a temporary classroom to be delivered to site should it be required.

As a Trust we will be working with staff in school to try and minimise any impact on your children and their education. There will be increased visits from my team and we will be working behind the scenes to support as and when appropriate to do so.

Please keep Mr and Mrs Cross in your thoughts and prayers – we hope to have Mrs Cross back in school after half term.

Thank you again for your support and understanding.

Best wishes,

Paul Rickeard