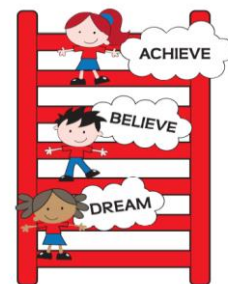


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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving Chaucer Junior School at the end of the Summer Term to take on a new role within the EMBARK Federation.

As you know, we joined EMBARK in March 2020 (just as we went into our first lockdown) and since November, I have been working in an interim role as Deputy Trust leader. This role has now been made permanent and whilst I am sad to be leaving Chaucer, I am excited that I will still be part of its journey, (just in a different way).

Chaucer and its community have a very special place in my heart; it has been an absolute privilege to have shaped and been part of the school's journey. I was here as a pupil (many years ago!) and for the past 21 years as teacher and headteacher.

I have worked with many fantastic staff – too many to mention individually and I have also been extremely fortunate to have had the support of parents, governors & the wider school community. Chaucer will continue to go from strength to strength and I look forward to seeing its continued development.

Miss Mee will continue in her current role as Acting Headteacher for the Autumn & Spring Terms; Miss Smith will also continue as Acting Assistant Headteacher. The Headteacher's position will be advertised later in the year with a view to the new headteacher starting around Easter 2022.

Finally, I reflect on the most important part – the fantastic pupils I have had the privilege to educate and influence. I have seen so many children through the school and have loved watching them learn and develop in their own unique way. The thing I will miss the most about Chaucer is seeing children every day and watching their personalities develop. My days won't be the same without children walking past my office shouting 'Hi Miss!' and stopping for a chat.

I will be in and out of school over the next few months, so will hopefully get chance to see you all before the summer holidays.

Take care all and thank you for the support.

Yours sincerely

Anna Upton
Executive Headteacher

