

Temple Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to now be in post as your Acting Headteacher and have spent a wonderful first two days with your lovely children, the excellent staff in school and managed to meet many of you in the playground the last couple of mornings.

The school is at a very exciting stage of its development. We have a **very enthusiastic team** at Temple and, with strong leadership and guidance, I can guarantee you that we will go from strength to strength. Your support is much appreciated in order to make sure the children get the best possible deal. Myself and the senior team will be ensuring the quality of delivery in all classrooms, coaching staff to improve their practice and ensuring the very best possible outcomes for your children.

The **attendance** target for the school is going to increase. This was 95%, which is below the national figure for primary schools. A target below national feels like we've given up before we've even started. Therefore, the new **target is now 97%**. To ensure your children make as much progress as they possibly can, they need to be in school every single day. Any appointments should be made for later on in the afternoon, so the children miss as little teaching as possible.

School uniform generally looks smart. Our policy is for the children to wear **black shoes** to school. Obviously, we want to work with parents on this and, in order to give you a chance to buy school shoes, there will be a two week gap to Monday 6th February, from when we will expect all children to come to school in black shoes.

This is a good time to remind parents of the requirements to become a **"Temple Treasure"**. From next half term, your child's attendance will need to be at least 97% during that half term, uniform will need to be very smart, including black shoes, children should have PE/Swimming kit on the days they need it, no more than 2 lates (this will reduce to no lates over time) and homework done and in on time each week. Children meeting all this criteria as well as staying on the Green traffic light, as part of the Behaviour Policy, will be a Temple Treasure.

Earrings in school – these should be small studs only. For PE they should be removed by the child or by the parent at home on their child's PE day.

Regretfully, I have to inform you that Mrs McCulloch, one of the teachers in 5BM, is leaving us today due to a change in her personal circumstances. We thank her for her excellent service to the children and families of Temple Primary School and wish her all the very best for the future. Next Monday, we will be welcoming back Mrs Madden from maternity leave. She will go into 5BM on Mondays and Tuesdays and will share the class teacher role for 5BM with Miss Bailey. Finally I hope to meet you all in the playgrounds at some point over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher.

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