

6th June 2024

Dear Parents

Headteacher

As I'm sure you are aware, Mr Iain Massey is retiring at the end of this term. He has given many years of loyal service to Sponne in a range of roles. In particular, he has been the headteacher for the past 10 years.

We are very grateful for all that he has done in helping to ensure that so many students have had a great educational experience. He cares passionately that children should not only achieve well in their educational studies, but that they enjoy their time at Sponne. He has brought real strength in so many areas and I know that many students will miss him, along with their parents.

We wish him well for his retirement and thank him for all that he has done at Sponne.

I know that Mr Massey wrote to you before the half term break, but I thought I would take the opportunity to let you know that we appointed Mr Graham Forbes as the new headteacher. He will start in September 2024. We are very lucky to have Mr Forbes joining us since he has a wealth of knowledge and experience of school leadership.

We want the transition to be as smooth as possible. This has already begun and Mr Forbes will be spending some time in school during the remainder of this term. He is working with Mr Massey to ensure that there will be no negative impact on the educational provision of students as this change in leadership takes place. I am sure that Mr Forbes will be looking forward to meeting many of you during the autumn term and beyond.

Although we are sorry that Mr Massey is leaving the school, we are confident that Sponne will continue to flourish and improve even further under the leadership of Mr Forbes.

Yours sincerely



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