30th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that I will be stepping down as Head of School at Meon Junior School and leaving Meon Way Federation on Friday 23rd May 2025.

My journey in education has spanned more than 37 years, of which 30 years have been supporting families across the Portsmouth community. Following my 28 years at Meon Junior School, I will be leaving to take some time to myself and to spend more time with my two sons now aged 14 and 17, the oldest of whom will be heading off to university in October.

Working at this school with incredible staff, supporting families and, most importantly, every day with your wonderful children, has been an honour. I have loved working at this school and I take away with me many happy memories and many achievements of Meon Junior School over the years. A fond moment being the opportunity to take our year 6 boys’ football team to Wembley and watching them win the Utilita Kids’ Cup. I have always enjoyed residentials to Stubbington and Calshot and being part of many other competitive events such as the Portsmouth Literacy quiz and sporting events. I am proud of my work on developing the curriculum and encouraging a love of reading and know I leave this in the capable hands of our subject leaders.

Learning across the whole Federation will continue as normal and Mrs Sara Paine, our Executive Headteacher, will be the Headteacher for Meon Junior School from Monday 2nd June.

It has been a pleasure to work with Sara Paine, Ruth Vonk, our staff, the wider Senior Management Team, and our Governors who have the best interests of every child at the forefront of their decisions and I look forward to following Meon Way Federation’s journey from afar.

Thank you for your support and trust over the years. By working together, we have supported children to be their best selves in our friendly and happy school.

I will miss Meon hugely as it has been such an important and enjoyable part of my life.

Warm regards,

Christine Turner

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