



1 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Leadership Announcement

I am writing to inform you that Mr Simon Shaw (Deputy Headteacher) has decided to leave his post of Deputy Headteacher with effect from 7 September 2023.

Announcement from Mr Shaw

After a lot of reflection and discussion over the summer, I have made the very difficult decision to leave my post at SMRT. There are some new challenges I want to explore and now is the right time for me and the school to make a change. I have absolutely loved my time at this wonderful school, and I am grateful for the support I have received from parents and carers along the way. I will miss our students a great deal and wish them the very best for their futures.

Statement from Mr Planter

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise Mr Shaw's dedication and service at St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School over the last 7 years. On behalf of the school community, we share our best wishes and continue to hold him in our prayers as he moves on to the next step of his career.

I will be writing to parents/carers again during the week beginning 11th September to update you on interim Deputy Headteacher arrangements and longer-term plans. In the meantime, all matters that would have been directed to Mr Shaw will be managed by Mrs Duzniak, Assistant Headteacher. It is a testament to the structures that we have in place and the strength of our middle and school leaders that we are able to ensure a smooth transition.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Planter
Headteacher