

Thursday 27th June 2019



Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to make you aware of some staffing changes which will be in place for next academic year. A number of support staff, midday supervisors and cleaners will be leaving Eastlea this summer. Some are due to enforced changes as a result of budget cuts which we have had to make in common with many schools nationally, others are retirements or due to changes in personal circumstances.

As a result, we will be very sorry to see the following staff leave us at the end of July:

- Classroom support staff/Midday Supervisors – Mrs Henderson and Mrs Steele
- Midday Supervisors – Mrs Hill and Mrs Raymond
- Cleaners – Mrs Burns and Miss Pickard

Whatever role(s) they take, each member of staff is an important and integral part of the wider 'Eastlea team'. In terms of the staff listed above I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- **Mrs Henderson** has worked at Eastlea (in various roles) for 29 years. All our current pupils together with many ex-pupils and several parents (!) will remember being supported by Mrs Henderson in school during this time! She has now opted to take 'slightly' early retirement!
- **Mrs Steele** came to work at Eastlea when Parkside Middle school closed, 11 years ago and she quickly became part of our dedicated team of support staff and in recent years also worked as midday supervisor with various classes.
- **Mrs Hill** also deserves a 'long service medal' having spent 21 years at Eastlea as a midday supervisor, and **Mrs Raymond** has been with us in various roles for 5 years.
- **Mrs Burns** and **Miss Pickard** have had more 'behind the scenes roles' as cleaners for approx. 5 years and 1 year respectively. Mrs Burns has recently suffered with ill health and we wish her a full and speedy recovery. We are not going to lose Miss Pickard altogether – she will maintain her role as a lunchtime supervisor next year.

We will obviously be saying our farewells to these staff before the end of term, but I thought you would want to know now of the changes which will be in place for September.

Yours sincerely, **Miss E Beeston**