



Wednesday 20th October 2021

Dear parents / carers

It has been 16 years since I became the Headteacher at Redwell and so much has changed in that time. In 2006 when I joined, the school was 2 form entry and I became the Headteacher of the infant school with 180 pupils and less than 20 staff. Since then, the school has grown to 3 form entry, amalgamated with the junior school with 630 pupils and over 90 staff. We have been a nationally accredited teaching school, I have been a National Leader in Education and we have had an enormous building project on site to join the schools together, to make what is now an amazing primary school.

In my time here, I have thoroughly enjoyed every challenge and turning point presented to me. I have led the school in three outstanding Ofsted inspections and was extremely proud for the first primary inspection to be good, this secures our belief that the school is on a clear trajectory to becoming an outstanding primary school. The staff and pupils have made me so proud, time and time again. I have so many happy memories of my time as head teacher here, the school have provided me with many opportunities to develop my skills as a leader, all of which I am very grateful for.

The school joined the Nene Education Trust in the summer, this partnership brings more opportunities for the school to work collaboratively beyond Redwell. Following an interview, the trust have offered me the post of Director of Professional Learning from 1st November, this means that I will have responsibility for the career development of all trust staff across all schools, something I am extremely passionate about. Redwell has a solid reputation for growing leaders and developing staff, so to be able to do this across the trust shows the value that the trust puts into the staff within it. I will still work from the school site when I am working in the 5 Wells Development Centre, this now becomes the driving force behind the professional learning offer for the trust.

Part of my role will also include being responsible for school improvement in three of the trust schools in Raunds, as well as mentoring the new Principal of Redwell who will be Mrs Head. Mrs Head was successful at interview yesterday and will become the Principal from 1st November, I will work closely with Mrs Head over the next half term to hand over the role and will be her mentor for the remainder of the school year. Matt Coleman, Director of School Improvement, will also work closely with Redwell, being responsible for the school improvement support.



We also held Vice Principal interviews, Mrs Sharpe was the successful candidate and also takes up her new post on 1st November. Mr Sargent will be taking over the role of Tewkesbury class teacher after half term, taking back his class from Year 4 which he is very excited about. He will be supported for the autumn term by Mrs Fordham and Mrs Sharpe to aid with a smooth transition for the children.

I have every faith that Redwell will continue to go from strength to strength with the outstanding team of staff that we have. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the staff and the wider Redwell community for the support, challenge, conversations, belief and friendship that you have shown to me in my time as the Headteacher here, I have many happy memories and Redwell will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Please continue to be kind to each other and support each other in every way that you can, to keep Redwell on the map as the best school for our children.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Ansell', written in a cursive style.

Anne Ansell
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