

19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well.

We are writing with some news; to let you know that Mrs Suzanne Cooper will be retiring from her post as Head Teacher of Brunel Primary & Nursery Academy at the end of the Summer Term 2024.

Mrs Cooper has worked at Brunel (and previously Longstone Infants') for over 36 years providing dedicated service as a class teacher, nursery teacher, deputy head and then head teacher. A great deal of change has happened over that time, but hundreds of children will have been taught by Mrs Cooper over the years and for that we are very grateful. Mrs Cooper took over as head teacher in 2019, bringing the school up from a difficult period to the Good with Outstanding position Brunel now enjoys. Her warmth, encouragement, and devotion to the children in her care is immense; we wish her well for a long and happy retirement.

We will shortly begin the process of advertising the post for a new head teacher for Brunel to give us the maximum amount of time to attract the right candidate. We will update you when we have more news to share. I will be working with Mrs Gilbert (Executive Head), Mr Carson (Chair of Governors) and our trustees to find a suitable replacement. Mrs Cooper will of course be assisting in every way that she can with this process.

Mrs Cooper will continue to keep you informed with what is happening in school.

Very Best Wishes,

Adrian Massey
Chief Executive

Tim Carson and
Chair of Governors

Louise Gilbert
Executive Head for Brunel