

Culworth Primary Academy has worked extremely hard over this past few months to provide ongoing support and a good education for those who attend. It has been a challenging year, but I really feel the staff, parents and pupils of the school have worked together to ensure the wellbeing of all involved.

As the newly appointed Head of School here at Culworth, please let me introduce myself: My name is Sandra Prewer and I have worked at the school, in a teaching capacity, for the past 15 years and now as Head. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 12 months and I feel so proud of all that we have achieved in this short time. Oliver Johnson who was the previous Head, is now our Executive Head Teacher, leading our MAT and continuing to develop the four schools within it. Our MAT continues to strive for the very best for all of its pupils and I believe it is getting stronger as we navigate these unusual times.

The biggest challenge this year, was the sudden need to provide remote education for our pupils and the introduction of home learning. We worked really closely with parents to provide an online education that was broad, ensuring coverage of all subjects. We cannot thank our parents enough for their continued efforts and diligence in providing their children with the knowledge and resources necessary to continue their learning at home. We remained open throughout both lockdowns, to ensure childcare and schooling for children of key workers.

I was delighted to hear of our new incumbent Mike Chesher and I have been in contact with him a couple of times. We are in the process of arranging a date to meet in person, now that restrictions allow school visits. I look forward to meeting him and developing a strong connection between him and our pupils here.

During the pandemic, the school has followed government guidance very closely and we have ensured the safety of our school family by keeping classes in their own bubbles. We have restricted visitors and we have not been on any trips in the past year. Looking forward, we really hope to return to some degree of normality, as restrictions continue to ease. We are planning to have our annual sports day and end of year leavers services, if permitted.

We continue to be committed in providing the best education for our pupils, whilst striving to ensure the wellbeing of all of our staff, parents and students. At such unprecedented times we want to reiterate that if we can support anybody, in any way at all, then our door is always open. We actively encourage prospective and current parents to contact the school office on 01295760610 if they would like to visit us. You can also look at our websites for any updates www.culworthschool.org