

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing with news that Mrs Ainsworth has been seconded part-time (*three days a week*) to cover the maternity leave of the Headteacher at Boorley Park Primary School. This secondment has been agreed by the Governing Body at Boorley, and of course here at Berrywood. The arrangement will be effective from immediately after half term, and is planned to last until May half-term in 2023. This means we will not see Mrs Ainsworth on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday... but I am sure she will make presence felt when she returns each week on Thursdays and Fridays. If all goes to plan, Mrs Ainsworth will return full-time to Berrywood for the second half of the summer term.

Secondments are fabulous opportunities for professional development, and it is not really a secret that a permanent position as Headteacher is a distinct possibility for Mrs Ainsworth in the foreseeable future. In the meantime, I am certain she will make a wonderful job of having responsibility for steering the ship at Boorley Park. She certainly goes (*for some of the week*) with our full blessing and very best wishes.

Mrs Rodbourne will become Acting Deputy Headteacher for the three days of the week that Mrs Ainsworth is not with us. This is again a fabulous professional development opportunity for Mrs Rodbourne, who has gained vast experience and knowledge of Berrywood in her role as Assistant Headteacher over recent years.

This is also perhaps a good time to remind parents, especially those who have children with Education Health Care Plans, that Miss Spencer was promoted to the role of school SENCO in September (*a role that Mrs Ainsworth had been overseeing in the summer term*).
Yours sincerely,

Chris Reilly
Headteacher

