Good Afternoon Everyone,

Whilst we are all really excited to have so many children returning for the first time over the next two weeks, it is also the time of year when we start looking to September and the changes that will be happening then. We will be letting you know which classes your children will be in and who their teacher will be next week, as well as publishing your child’s report. The reports will go on Tapestry as usual; there will not be the usual assessment data as we do not have any current attainment data for the children, but there will be a commentary from your child’s teacher.

We have got some staffing changes for September. Firstly Miss Hardcastle will not be returning from her adoption leave as she has decided she needs to focus on being a mum at this time. We will miss her, but send her all our best wishes.

The second person who will be leaving at the end of term is Mrs Hirst, who is taking up a headship. She will be greatly missed and I would like to extend my personal thanks to her for all the support, expertise and common sense she has given me and to express how much I have enjoyed working with her. Please see her message to you all below:

*‘It is with great sadness that I am letting you all know that I will be leaving East Ardsley Primary Academy in July to take on a new challenge at a school in Calderdale in September.*

*I have worked at East Ardsley for 24 rewarding year- from being a newly qualified teacher in 1996 to being the Deputy Principal in 2020.  In that time, I have felt privileged to be part of the brilliant staff team and work with the wonderful children of East Ardsley, their families and the community.  Now, in the playground, I see lots of those lovely children I taught in the past bringing their own children to East Ardsley Primary!*

*It seems very strange leaving at this time when I cannot formerly say goodbye to everyone but at least it may spare my tears!  I wish you all the very best and as I live quite locally, I am sure you will say hello when we meet in the aisles in Asda!*

*Yours, most sincerely,*

*Mrs Sam Hirst.’*

This week staff have been setting up the classrooms and making sure that we have all the plans and routines in place ready for next week. We are so excited to be getting back to some sort of normality. The teachers can’t wait to have the children back in so that they can catch up with them and round the year off together.

In the meantime, if your child is not returning to school, or your child is not due in next week, we will be running our Tapestry School right through to the end of the school year on Friday 17th July 2020. This is to ensure that your child will continue to get work and you will continue to get support with that work whether or not your child is in school.

Remember if you need help but can’t contact school, the Department for Education helpline for parents home-schooling their children, called **Starline**, is open 6 days a week, covering all areas of the curriculum and all age ranges. The number is 0330 313 9162. Calls are charged at local rate.

Additionally, you can refer to the Home-Schooling guidance for parents from the Department of Education which can be found through this link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Ms Talbot