



Dear Parents and Carers,

09<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**RE: FAREWELL TO MRS RICHARDSON**

I joined Freshfield Nursery working as your Headteacher on an interim short term basis in May 2023. Previously, I had been the Headteacher of three different primary schools working as a school leader for a total of 23 years, before retiring in December 2022.

It is now with great sadness that I have to inform you that I will not be returning to Freshfield in September 2024. My contract ends at the end of this summer term, and I will then return to my retirement!

I have had the most amazing experience serving as your Headteacher at Freshfield. I can say with complete honesty that Freshfield children are some of the best children that I have ever met. Your children are full of enthusiasm, compassion, care for one another and arrive at nursery every day with a smile on their faces. Your children make me extremely proud, and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life.

As Headteacher, I have worked to improve your children's educational provision. I have had the experience at Freshfield of having an entire staff team that I love working with. They all work extremely hard to give the best they can to the nursery school and your children. They make it a joy to come into work each day, and I will miss this extended family.

To all of the Freshfield parents and carers, I cannot thank you enough, without hesitation you took me into your hearts and made me feel welcome from the start. You have engaged and voiced your opinions shared your concerns, and worries and I hope that you have found that I have taken the time to listen and take on board what you have said. I will never say I get everything right all the time but I always do strive to do my very best.

Although I am sad to be leaving, I am excited about the future, and the next chapter for Freshfield. In September Freshfield Nursery School, and Tithe Barn Primary School will work in partnership together. Both schools will remain as separate schools and keep their own budget, governing body, identity and individual characteristics. However, both schools will be led by Mrs Katherine Muncaster the executive Headteacher.

Katherine will bring with her a wealth of leadership experience to ensure that Freshfield continues to be an excellent nursery that serves its children, parents & carers and community well.

I wish the Freshfield children and families all the very best for the future, I will miss you all.

Kindest regards

Liz

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