

ALDER COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achievement through Commitment

Headteacher: Mr P Mandelstam

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Dear Parents

HEADING AWAY

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving Alder Coppice at the end of this term, in December.

I have been offered the opportunity to become Headteacher of an all-through academy in the Northwest. Now in my 27th year of being a Headteacher and having been in charge of two primary schools (16 years here at Alder Coppice) I am looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities this role will bring.

Having been an advocate of all-through approaches to education and fostering links between the primary and secondary sector, I am particularly looking forward to leading a school of over 1,200 children from Nursery – Year 11.

I will miss our school community of children, staff, parents and governors very much and the partnership we have shared.

I leave our school in a very strong position going forward and our Governing Board will now start the recruitment process to find someone to replace me, which will be an exciting time for everyone at Alder Coppice, with a new Headteacher taking the school in new directions. The Chair of Governors will write to you with updates in due course.

In the meantime, until I leave my priority will continue to be the children – their education and well-being.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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