

Rivington Foundation Primary School



Horrobin Lane, Rivington, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7SE

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Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with immense sadness that I have to inform you that Miss Whitehead will be leaving Rivington Foundation Primary School on Friday 21st July 2023. The fantastic news for Miss Whitehead is that she is moving on to teach in Santiago, Chile in South America; a well-deserved and life-changing experience for both Miss. Whitehead and the children that will be in her care.

We have been blessed to have Miss. Whitehead with us at Rivington for the last three years. Miss. Whitehead has been instrumental in our successes during this time and in raising standards across our primary school. From the moment she came for interview, she has always been so inspirational, passionate, supportive and loving to all our children, parents and staff. It has been a joy to watch her share and develop a love and joy of learning in all our children and staff that will last a lifetime. She certainly lights up a room and her zest for life lifts all of our spirits. Miss. Whitehead has also helped to bring a more modern and forward-thinking ethos to Rivington. As her headteacher, I cannot tell you of the pride I hold in watching her educate and care for our pupils – she is a true talent and inspiration and I know that she will make an immense difference to the lives of the children in Chile.

Personally, I would like to thank Miss. Whitehead for her dedication and commitment to the children of Rivington, I know she will continue to be a fabulous educator and that her new school in South America is very lucky to be getting such a talented and life-changing teacher. Miss Whitehead's culture and ethos is always positive and happy - all our children feel empowered to achieve the very best and her expectations are high – no ceiling is placed on a child's learning. Miss Whitehead is a much-valued member of staff at Rivington – often not realising her own worth.

Miss. Whitehead has promised to form links with our children and her new class in Chile and she has also promised to pay us a visit when she returns at Christmas for her three month summer break. I know that all the parents and carers would like to join me in wishing her good luck and every happiness in her new role.

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Miss Whitehead wanted to share the following message with the school community:

'It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to the school that made me into the teacher I am today. Without the love and support of everyone at Rivi, I would not be where I am today - professionally and personally. I am leaving this work role with a family behind me – a family that has supported me and allowed me to grow, flourish and thrive and one that has lifted me up and been there for me when I have needed it most. Words can't express how grateful I am to have your support on this next step in my career. You are, and always will be, more to me than just a school.'

Rivington will continue to serve the children with a replacement for Miss. Whitehead for September 2023. We will continue to develop our strong and talented workforce ensuring that our children always receive the quality first-teaching that they deserve. School continues to move from strength to strength and all staff will continue to work together to ensure future success and happiness for all.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Annette - Head teacher

Nicola King - Acting Chair of Governors