

Dear Families,

I am writing to inform you that after 25 years of dedicated service, Ms Cook will be retiring from Joseph Leckie Academy at the end of this term.

Ms Cook began her career at the Academy as Head of PE and, over the years, has held a number of key leadership roles including Assistant Principal, Vice Principal, Acting Principal, and more recently, Associate Principal as we have joined The Forge Brook Trust. Throughout her time here, she has made a significant and lasting impact on the Academy and the wider school community.

She played a pivotal role in guiding the Academy through some of its most challenging periods, including keeping the school running during the Covid-19 pandemic and offering steadfast leadership following the passing of Mr Whittlestone. Her strength, compassion, and unwavering commitment during these times helped provide stability and reassurance for students, staff, and families alike.

Ms Cook is well known and deeply respected by generations of students and families who have passed through our doors. Her loyalty, dedication, and passion for education have been truly inspiring, and she has always kept the students and the values of Joseph Leckie Academy at the heart of everything she does.

We are incredibly grateful for her tremendous service and for the vital role she has played in shaping the success and ethos of our Academy. While we will all miss her greatly, we know she leaves behind a strong legacy and a lasting influence on all those who have had the privilege to work with her or be taught by her.

On behalf of everyone at Joseph Leckie Academy, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms Cook and wish her a long, happy, and well-earned retirement.

Best Wishes

