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Staffing Update – Year 6

Dear families

I am writing to inform you of a staffing update at St. Martin's CE Primary Academy. Sadly, **Mr R Simpson** will be leaving us at the end of this half-term to take up an exciting new opportunity at another school within the Trentside Federation. While we are truly sorry to see him go, we are grateful for the dedication and care he has shown during the past three years at St. Martin's CE Primary Academy; he will be greatly missed. His last day with us will be Friday 23 October 2026.

I am pleased to announce that, in order to ensure consistency and quality of teaching and learning for the class during this important school year, **Mr K Smythe** will be joining us as the Year 5/6 Class Teacher, starting on Monday 2 November 2026. Mr Smythe is an excellent, experienced KS2 and Year 6 teacher, having taught at Haxey CE Primary Academy for the past five years. He is very excited about joining the St. Martin's team and is eager to get to know the Year 5/6 pupils, having met many of the Year 6 cohort on the PGL Residential visit. A thorough handover and transition process is already underway, and the children will have the chance to meet Mr Smythe before we break up for half-term.

Thank you for your continued support as we ensure a smooth change for our pupils.

Kind regards

Mr D Callaghan
Executive Headteacher