



Timu Academy Trust

Retirement News

We are certain many of you already know that Katrina Ware, the executive principal for Timu Academy Trust, will be taking retirement at the end of December 2018. Mrs Ware, the headteacher was firstly at Bobbing in 1999, then the headteacher at both Iwade and Bobbing in 2006 and as executive principal with the creation of the Timu multi academy trust in 2014. The new executive principal will be Mrs Diane Browning who is currently the headteacher at South Avenue primary school. Mrs Browning starts her new position in Timu from September so there is an induction period with both executive principals working together to ensure a smooth transition into January 2019.

Mrs Caroline Mariner, the school principal at Iwade, who joined Iwade school as deputy headteacher in 2005, becoming head of school in 2007 and the school principal in 2014 is taking her retirement at the end of July 2018. Mrs Anne Smith has been appointed as the Head of School at Iwade starting in September 2018 and has this year been working closely with Mrs Mariner to ensure a smooth transition into next year.

Mrs Lois Hudson, the school principal at Bobbing, who joined the school as a teacher in 1999, then became deputy headteacher in 2002, becoming head of school in 2005 and the school principal in 2014 is taking her retirement at the end of December 2018. Mrs Katrine Stewart has been appointed as the Head of School at Bobbing Village School starting in January 2019 and will be working closely with Mrs Hudson between September and December to ensure a smooth transition into next year.

We understand that you may feel nervous about so many changes ahead but we have been working towards this over the last two to three years. We are ready and prepared. We are passing our schools and Trust into the hands of experienced professionals who know us well and who will continue to build on the strengths and successes we have brought to our schools. We leave them in very safe and capable hands. Since our time working in our schools we have seen a total transformation in size, standards and expectations. As parents you have been part of our successful journey and we are proud of what we have all achieved.

Staff Baby News

Bobbing

Mrs Samantha Robinson has started her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting son number 2 shortly. Mrs Robinson will return to us next year.

Mrs Vicki Knaves has returned from her maternity leave and is now at Iwade school working in Little Bear class for two days a week with one day back at Bobbing

Iwade

We welcome Mr Powell's new baby son Charlie born in February and wish him and his wife all the joys that new parenthood brings.

Mrs Lauren Robson returns from her maternity leave at the start of June following the safe arrival of her daughter Harper last summer

We will also welcome back Mrs Amanda Claridge in term 6 from her maternity leave and arrival of Theo son number 2

Facebook Pages

Each of our schools has its own Facebook page - Bobbing Village School and Iwade School. We have always tried to ensure that any member on these pages is a current parent and we have rules for posts that are made. There are in addition many other Facebook pages set up by parents past and present and also What's App groups etc where the school is discussed and information shared which can lead to confusion and misinformation. We are finding it increasingly hard to ensure our pages' rules are adhered to for the enjoyment of all and it takes a considerable amount of our time at all times of day and night, including holiday periods to monitor posts and to respond to questions. Sometimes the important messages and answers being given by key staff in posts are lost amongst other comments being made or added. We have therefore taken the decision to switch off member commenting over the holiday period whilst we revamp the pages and consider how best we can continue to manage our pages for the interest of all our members. The schools will reboot their pages at the start of next term with some new rules for member posting so please stick with us as our service will resume soon. If in the meantime you need any question answered please do not hesitate to contact our school offices.

School Uniform 2018

We are very grateful for the support shown by parents with the changes we requested to our school uniform. We have received many questions about the changes and can now give you our uniform list from September 2018. We will continue to allow ONLY the school logo rucksacks in school and school logo book bags. Our new reception pupils for September 2018 will only be allowed a school book bag so over time the rucksacks will disappear from our school completely. There will continue to be concessions for pupils for medical or other reasons known to and agreed by the school.

On the grounds of health and safety, pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery at school, except a watch, one plain small round stud with no design or decoration worn at the bottom of each ear lobe. Hairstyles should be neat and tidy without extremes of style, colour or design. Hair that is shaved or partly shaved and hair with beads or decorations is not allowed.

No boots are to be worn inside school.

Our Uniform List

School colour sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper or fleece with the school logo
White polo shirt or white formal shirt/blouse
School logo book bag and PE bag
School logo PE t shirt
School colour PE shorts
Black or grey trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses, shorts, culottes
Black, white or grey socks or tights (no leggings)
Black shoes or trainers which are completely black (no boots)
Summer dresses in school colours (can be red or pale blue)
Black plimsolls or trainers for PE
Black or grey jogging bottoms and tops for PE in winter months
Stud earrings only, one watch - no other jewellery
School colours (blue/burgundy, white, grey, black) small sized hair embellishments only

And Finally.....

On behalf of the directors and staff of Timu Academy Trust we wish you a great Easter holiday. Let's hope the bad weather and the water leaks will soon all be a distant memory and that our return to school on Monday 16th April will bring out the sun. Happy Holidays everyone.