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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and that your child is enjoying the term so far.

I am getting in touch to share the news that Mrs Kate Rutherford, Principal of Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, will be retiring at the end of December 2023.

As you know, Mrs Rutherford has been an integral part of the academy since joining as Executive Principal of both Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy and Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy in 2019. She was also instrumental in ensuring the successful coming together of the two academies in 2021, providing pupils with continuity throughout their entire primary journey.

The academy continued to flourish under her leadership, including securing a 'Good' Ofsted result in March 2022, with inspectors praising the "high expectations" of pupils.

Mrs Rutherford will be greatly missed, not only by pupils and colleagues, but by the entire Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, with whom she has built very strong relationships. However, I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best as she embarks on this exciting next chapter.

I would also like to offer some reassurance as to Mrs Rutherford's successor. Mrs Rutherford will stay as Principal for the remainder of the year, and her replacement will take up the position in January 2024. Over the coming months, we will begin a robust recruitment process to find the candidate best placed to lead the academy on its continued journey of success.

Our next Principal will of course have the full support of the Board of Governors, Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), and the wider senior leadership team to ensure a smooth transition.

I know that each of you, as well as all those from the wider Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy community, will give a warm welcome to the incoming Principal when the time arrives, and that they will be able to count on your support.

Once a new Principal has been appointed we will inform you, but in the meantime if you have any questions please do get in touch with Mrs Rutherford or with a member of the senior leadership team.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Cutchey  
Chair of Governors  
Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy