

# Statement from The Good Shepherd Trust



24th October 2019

## Leadership Arrangements at Ashley Church of England Primary School

The Trust wishes to ensure that the half-term break does not start without an update on the current position regarding the leadership arrangements at Ashley CE Primary School.

The Trust and the Local Governing Committee want to acknowledge and thank all those parents who have taken time to write letters and contact us, whether to share their concerns about Mr Dunne's absence or to express their support for the school and appreciation of its staff.

Both the Trust and the Local Governing Committee are very sorry to hear that there is so much speculation about Mr Dunne's absence from school and that this is causing distress and upset amongst some parents.

In previous communications, the Trust has made it clear that it is not currently able to comment on the reasons for Mr Dunne's absence. To do so would breach the confidentiality that he is entitled to as an employee of the Trust.

The Trust understands that these unusual circumstances can sometimes result in frustration. The Trust shares this frustration in not being able to provide more information at this time, which it recognises is extremely challenging for all parties concerned. The Trust looks forward to communicating more openly and sharing with parents, when it is able to do so.

In the meantime, the Trust and the Local Governing Committee will continue to offer support to the school leadership and staff.

The Trust will continue to work to resolve the situation as soon as possible on behalf of all the parties involved.