

Dear colleagues

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible - and before you find out from other sources - that I have been offered and accepted a new job away from Norfolk, subject to agreeing final contract details. Some of you may already have heard the news from your SNAPP, NASSH, NASH and JCC representatives whom I told just before the end of term.

In early September I intend to take up the post of Director of NFER (the National Foundation for Educational Research), which is based just outside Slough. Those of you who know a bit about my background will understand why this particular job was so attractive. While I am clearly delighted to have been offered the post, I am aware that this - and its timing in a period of change - may have an unsettling effect on some schools and I would like to reassure you that I will do everything I can to support Director of Children's Services Lisa Christensen, schools and staff in Children's Services through the coming months.

I am now away from the office until 18 April as I am taking a holiday in New Zealand. I look forward to seeing you all and continuing to work with you during the summer term. I sincerely hope that I will continue the relationships with many of you even after I take up my new post.

Best wishes

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