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## Sports fan is school's new head



**BEN FREEMAN**

A RUGBY loving father-of-three is set to take over the reins at a South Lakeland school after its head teacher quit weeks after the start of term.

It was a case of second time lucky for Ben Freeman, 38, who has been appointed head of Elleray School in Windermere, after he narrowly missed out on the role when it was advertised this summer.

The sports-mad teacher, who specialises in design technology, IT and science, is currently the deputy head at Malsis School, near Keighley, but will take the helm at Elleray, the junior part of Windermere St. Anne's, from the beginning of April.

Mr Freeman, who originally hails from the Wirral and has been at Malsis for 12 years, was due to meet staff today (Friday) and from January will spend one afternoon a week getting to know pupils and parents in Windermere, where he hopes to relocate.

"When I heard that Elleray were looking for a new head again I was very keen to get in touch because I felt, from my experience with the school earlier this year, that it has the potential to excel in all the educational ideals which I hold dear.

"I've always thought there was a lovely atmosphere around Elleray and I found the staff and children so warm when I initially went for the job. I'm very excited and looking forward to getting started and getting to know the team."

Mr Freeman, who lives in Clitheroe with his partner Sarah, said his three children, who are all under the age of eight, would be joining him at the school later next year.

Since October half term Elleray has been run by WAS headmaster, Allan Graham, who stepped in after Lindsey Ferrie handed in her notice three weeks after being given the job.