



Beckingham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

There are letters that you never actually think about writing, but the time has come for me to do this.

After 33 years of teaching, including 20 years here at Beckingham as head teacher, I will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Beckingham Primary School has genuinely been a big part of my life. I've been 'married' to school longer than I have been married to my husband!

I am, and have always been, proud to say I am head teacher of Beckingham Primary School. The last year or so has been unusual, and obviously not the one any of us would have wanted, but it is the children, staff, governors and parents that have made this journey, in this unprecedented time possible, and easier than other schools may have had to follow. For this I want to thank you all.

I will miss many things about the job (apart from OFSTED and SATs), including our incredible, hardworking and supportive staff, parents, PTFA and governors, but most of all our wonderful children. I have many stories to tell of the funny things children have said and done over the 22 years of working at Beckingham Primary School (I came first as a teacher to Beckingham in 1999). The pantomimes and nativities we have put on, particularly the confident, loud, enthusiastic singing, the visits and extended visits we have been on to Edwinstowe, PGL and Kingswood, with staff, parents and children. The PTFA has continued to grow and support our school both financially and through experiences for the children.

Now is the time for me to look forward, I intend to travel and ski more than I normally have done, as soon as we are able.

I just hope that we can return to some sort of normality before the end of the academic year. We do have some plans in place for the children if we can. I want to have one final chance of doing what I love most, seeing the children being able to be with each other and growing and learning together. It certainly isn't the year I wished and planned for when I started teaching all the way back in 1988.

The governors are now busy arranging the appointment of a new Head teacher for Beckingham Primary School. The post will be advertised this week, with interviews planned for the beginning of May. I am positive there will a good interest in the job, and I am confident that the governors will make the right appointment for the future of the school.

I know slipping away quietly won't be an option, I am not normally an emotional person, but I do believe there will be tears from me at the end of the summer term.

Now though we have a job to do, we are only part way through the school year, with the majority of children having had valuable time away from their teachers and friends. It is more important now that we nurture and support our children through this difficult time. Myself and all the staff are committed to continuing doing the absolute best job we can.

Thank you for your continued support, and I am sorry that I have now added to the uncertainty of the current situation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, I will try my best and rest assured Beckingham Primary School will always have a permanent place in my heart. It is a very special place and always will be.

My last words are for the children of Beckingham School, who know how to work hard, play hard and behave well. I have been very lucky as a Head teacher to have them in my care.

Yours sincerely



Liz Moore
Head teacher