



# PARKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Sadly, this will be the last letter I write to you as Parkwood Headteacher, as from this point on I am officially retiring on the grounds of ill health. This is the right and proper thing to do in terms of my family and health, but most importantly in terms of the school, planning for the future and making sure that the matter is resolved so that I am not costing the school money which could be spent on the children. This is incredibly important to me.

It has been the personal and professional honour and privilege of my life, to be Headteacher of Parkwood. The school has brought me a great deal of joy and working with your children and with the 14 and a half years of pupils who went before, has been an amazing experience. The legacy of joining the schools as one and making Parkwood a whole primary school, is something I am proud of. However, this does not outweigh all those little moments of success and joy, shared with the children and staff. I can only thank parents for their support throughout that time and also for the recent kindness and encouragement as I face up to a very challenging and tough diagnosis. Your messages and contributions have left me without words.

Now is the time for the school to move on. Although I will not be part of this process, I hope the school finds a compassionate and kind leader, who will help our excellent team of governors move the school out of its undeserved current Ofsted rating and into a future which is certain and hopeful. Schools need to continue to recognise children as individuals and not numbers, and staff as a family who thrive when encouraged and nurtured. I know that the school will find the right person and there is already a strong team in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the happiness and hope in the future, to all your families and all the pupils. Parkwood is a magical place and I know it will continue to go from strength to strength. I will miss it all, so very much.

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