



Meeting Individual Needs

19th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to personally let you know that after long and careful consideration I have decided to retire from my post of Head teacher at the end of this school year (August 2025).

I am immensely proud and have a deep love for our school and it has been a privilege working here for the past 21 years, (6 years as a Deputy Head Teacher and 15 years as a Head Teacher) which is such a long time that I now find myself having the pleasure of being the Headteacher for the children of parents, who I have taught many years ago. It has been an honour to be part of the lives of our children and families throughout these years.

It has been an incredible journey, and I will wholeheartedly cherish the memories made during my time at school. Haughton is a truly fantastic school, and I have loved working with your children, yourselves, children and parents / carers from the past and my team of exceptionally dedicated staff and governors.

Although it is still more than 8 months away, the time will undoubtedly fly by. The governors are in the process of working with the Local Authority to begin the recruitment for a new Head Teacher to lead our school in the next stages of its journey. The advert will be placed on Friday 6th December. Whilst change can often be unsettling, it also presents opportunities, and I know that the school will continue to thrive. We will work to ensure a smooth and successful transition for all involved.

As part of the recruitment process our governors are keen to seek your views regarding the qualities that you would like to see in our new Head Teacher. If you wish to share your views, I would appreciate you completing the reply slip and returning it to school tomorrow.

It has been a thoroughly rewarding and fulfilling experience, I will miss the day-to-day life of the school and seeing the children flourish. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you. Your support, trust and partnership over the years has supported Haughton School to be the wonderful school it is today

There will be plenty of time for goodbyes later in the year and for now it is 'business as usual' and I want to assure you that I will certainly not be 'winding down' to retirement and remain fully committed to ensuring we provide the best possible learning experiences we can offer.

Kind Regards,

Gill Knox
Head Teacher
Haughton School

Please complete and return this form to school tomorrow.

The qualities that I would like to see in a new Head Teacher are:

Parent / Carer of:

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