18th April 2024

Dear Parents,

I have written many letters home to parents during my time at Sharneyford but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all. It is with great sadness that I have to inform you I will not be returning in September as I am moving to New Zealand to be closer to my son and to continue my career at the other side of the world.

I have had the most amazing experience at Sharneyford (almost eleven years as head) and I can say with complete honesty that I will miss the entire Sharneyford community. We have children who are full of compassion, who care for one another and make the school the way it is. They make me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life.

I have so many things to be grateful for; not many Headteachers have the experience of having an entire staff team that they love working with. They all work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. They make it a joy to come into work each day and I will miss this extended family. I have also been surrounded by a governing body who saw my vision and worked with me to make it happen. At times it’s not been easy, but even through the tough times we’ve always managed to see the humour and keep a smile on our faces. I will truly miss you all.

To all of the parents, I cannot thank you enough for being truly supportive of me and the school. You have engaged and voiced your opinions, shared your concerns and worries and I hope that you have found that I have taken the time to listen and take on board what you have said.

Although I am sad to be leaving, I am extremely excited about the future and my next chapter. Thank you once again for everything and I wish you and the entire school community the very best of wishes for the future.

Kind regards,

Andrea J Holt