

17<sup>rd</sup> July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I think most of you know by now, that after more than 20 incredibly rewarding as well as challenging years at New Park, I am finally ready to retire at the end of this term.

It has been an honour to serve as headteacher of a school where life has never been boring and days just fly by, a place where each young person is valued, understood, and supported to thrive in their own unique way.

Over the years, I have witnessed amazing transformations—young people rebuilding trust and discovering that they are capable of far more than they ever believed. I have had the privilege of being supported by a remarkable team of staff who have accompanied me on my journey, through all ups and downs, joined in our determination never to give up on a child.

I also want to thank you, our parents and carers, who have trusted me and my team to look after your child, helping us to strengthen our school community.

A few of our kids have said to me repeatedly that I should not retire as I would get bored at home... I will certainly miss the challenges, the shared laughter and the enjoyment I get from seeing our children AND my staff succeed against the odds...

BUT, what has really reassured me that now is the right time to leave, is the knowledge that the **school will be in safe hands with my successor Laura Clegg**, who has worked alongside me first as a teacher, then as an Assistant Head and now as a Deputy for more than 15 years. I told her after her amazing interview for the headship that I felt proud as if I was her mum! She will be **supported by Phillipa Peploe, our existing long serving Deputy** and a strong senior leadership team PLUS the most resilient team of Teaching Assistants, Teachers and Office Staff anybody could wish for.

I leave feeling confident that the work we have all built together will continue to grow and flourish.

People always say to me I should write a book about my experiences here at New Park: funny, amazing, sad, heart breaking, hilarious, weird stories...But frankly, I shall prefer to keep those memories in my mind - they will be safe there!

**I would love to say goodbye to you personally and introduce Laura to those of you who have not yet has the chance to meet her.**

Feel welcome to join one of our end-of-term celebrations

**EOTIS Hub – 24 Wesley Street, Swinton, M27 6AD : Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1.15-2.15**

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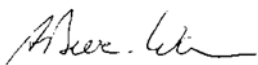
**Primary School (Within Alder Brook), Walnut Road, Winton, M30 8LE : Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1.00 to 2.15**

**High School, Green Lane, Patricroft, M30 0RW: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10.30 – 12.00**

Best wishes – I will miss you all,

Almut Bever-Warren

Yours sincerely,



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