



24 January 2022

Dear Families

In May of this year I will have been HT at Sutton CP for 17 years and July 2022 will mark the end of my 35th year of teaching.

It is never a perfect time to choose to leave a place and people that you have grown to love but I have taken the decision that I will be leaving Sutton CP at the end of this academic year, July 2022.

There is a right time to leave and this is it for me and my family. I have worked full time for all of my 35-year career and now want to do other things. The decision to leave has not been quick – in fact it has taken me a while to get used to the idea of not needing to go to work anymore and you will notice that I haven't referred to 'retiring' just a 'refocusing' of how I spend my time.

I want to spend more time with my husband who retired last year and together we have lots of exciting things planned which we want to be able to enjoy whilst we are young enough and fit enough to do so.

I was originally asked to come to Sutton as an Acting Headteacher at the request of the local authority after my predecessor had left suddenly. Over the years I have chosen to stay because I grew to love the people I worked with – children and adults alike.

It has been a privilege to love and lead this school. Together we have built something of which I am immensely proud – we have grown a school where each of us can flourish.

I will be sad to leave you but I am confident that the school is in a good place and is in safe hands and I am ready to move on. I know you will have lots of questions and attached is a letter from our Co-Chairs of Governors. They have already started to put things in place to appoint my successor and will keep you informed and involved in the process.

Love, as always

