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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let all parents and carers know that I will be retiring as Headteacher at Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School at the end of December 2022. I am fast approaching a significant age and feel it is the right time. I have been a Headteacher since 1998 in three schools and am ready for a fresh challenge.

I started here as Head in April 2015 and have thoroughly enjoyed the last 6 years. This is a truly fantastic school and I have loved working with the dedicated team of staff, the outstanding children and the fabulous parents and carers. It has been my honour and privilege to lead Clifton with Rawcliffe and this has been a thoroughly rewarding and fulfilling experience over the last 6 years.

Although it is still more than 11 months away, the time will undoubtedly fly by. I am looking forward to retirement and spending time with our foster children and playing the odd round of golf. I am hoping also to continue to support schools in some capacity on a part time basis. However, I will miss the day to day life of the school and seeing the children develop and thrive, leaving Clifton with Rawcliffe as articulate and independent young people.

It has been an absolute privilege to work here with this community. Thank you for your support for our school, staff and children throughout my time as Headteacher and particularly during the events of the past two years. I must also say a special thank you to all staff at the school. It has been a great privilege to lead such a hard-working, conscientious and dedicated team of people and I will miss being a part of this fantastic school community.

With support from Pathfinder, we will shortly begin recruitment for a new Headteacher to lead Clifton with Rawcliffe in the next stage of the school's journey. The staff and children have shown resilience, dedication and commitment through all the recent challenges due to the pandemic and in July when the school was inspected by Ofsted. I know they will respond with the same positive attitude and will ensure the ethos of the school and the commitment to developing each child will be built on in the future. Your children will continue to thrive and be successful.

Finally, a massive thanks for all your support and encouragement over the recent years. I will certainly not be winding down to retirement and remain committed to providing all children with the best possible education and learning experiences we can offer in the coming months.

With thanks and best wishes

Andy Herbert

Headteacher