

Lambley Primary School



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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I am writing this letter to all of you to sadly inform you that I will be leaving Lambley Primary School in April 2019 as my family and I are re-locating to the South West. I wanted to make sure you were all kept informed of the process of the recruitment of a new headteacher for the school and to also share with you a personal message from me.

I came to Lambley Primary School in the September of 2011, as Deputy Headteacher in the first instance. I was then appointed as Head Teacher in September 2014, following the retirement of Mrs Chris Drewry. During these seven years, the school as had three successful Ofsted inspections, a school expansion and lots of growth in the staff team. In addition, the government introduced a new Primary National Curriculum in 2014 so there has been a significant amount of change. As a result, there has not been a dull moment and I have thoroughly enjoyed each year and the challenges and opportunities that the changes have brought.

Lambley Primary School is a very special school that places the needs and care of the children at the heart of any decisions that are made. Visitors, governors, parents, carers, pupils and Ofsted Inspectors all comment on the warm and caring culture that has been established at the school. Day in and day out, the children demonstrate the important aspects of our 'Lambley Way' and we are ever proud of how they conduct themselves in the classroom during lessons, out and about on school trips and in front of visitors to the school. When I leave the school, I will be taking many happy memories with me and the smiles, humour and positive attitudes of the children will not be forgotten. As well as this, I will be sad to leave our team of truly dedicated and talented staff but look forward to hearing updates from them from time to time.

As we all know, schools nationally have been going through a difficult time due to tightened budgets in recent years and this challenge is not going to go away any time soon. This has presented both myself and the governing body with difficult decisions over the past couple of years and we have had to call on the support of you, our parent community, to help raise money for equipment and resources which would have previously been covered by the school's main budget or capital budget. One recent example of this was the fundraising towards the cost of 16 new curriculum laptops. Our 'Friends of Lambley' fundraising group and each one of you who has supported fundraising activities have made a significant difference to the school. Time and time again I have been humbled and relieved by the kindness and support you have given the school. Thank you.



The governing body have now begun the process of headteacher recruitment with a team in place. The position will be advertised from 11th October with interviews taking place on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th November. The new post is due to begin at the start of the Summer Term and I will work with the successful candidate in the run up to this to try to ensure a smooth transition. The new headteacher will be lucky enough to come to a school with a strong ethos and vision which they can then lead forwards into the next chapter of school development.

Over these coming months, I will continue to enjoy serving this school and working with the staff, governors, parents and carers to support and challenge the children in their learning. I can honestly say that I have felt privileged to serve the school over these past seven years and look forward to the remaining months I have here. I want to finish by thanking each one of you for the part you have played in making this a successful and happy school and for supporting both myself and the staff team over this time.

With Kind Regards,

Mrs Vicky Dilnot

Headteacher