



Gladesmore Community School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that I will be retiring from teaching at the end of this academic year. I have been at Gladesmore since 1999 as headteacher and, having completed 44 years in teaching, this is going to be my final year.

I feel enormously privileged to have served this wonderful community and fortunate to have worked with our amazing students, talented staff and committed governors. I also wish to say a special thank you to parents and carers for your support over the years.

It is a joy to spend each day in this vibrant school surrounded by such enthusiastic and engaging young people and supported by caring, dedicated professionals who work together to meet students' needs and guide them to success. I genuinely believe that Gladesmore children are the best. They are children who care for one another and live our REACH values every day. I am heartened they will go on to make a positive contribution in later life.

I am proud of our students who have achieved an enormous amount and who, even through the tough times, have managed to keep a smile on their faces and help create a warm, friendly and kind school environment. Over the years, I have experienced many heart-warming moments and witnessed fantastic achievements by students and by the school as a whole, and it fills me with profound joy and pride.

During this, my final year, business will be as usual - Gladesmore will continue to improve and achieve further goals. This is a core aspect of our ethos. We will, for instance, be determined to further improve in several ways: to upgrade the facilities, to develop the site and to secure funding to replace the Grovelands building with a new state-of-the-art extension to the Science block. This will be for the benefit of present students and future generations.

I have every confidence that the governing body will look to recruit a new headteacher who will seek to build on the school's achievements and make it even better. In my view, the school is set to go on to accomplish even greater heights in the future. I will do my best to make the transition over to the new headteacher in September 2022 as smooth as possible.

I thought that you would appreciate having advance notice of this change, and although it will be sad to leave in the summer, I am optimistic about the future.

I wish the Gladesmore family all the best.

Sincerely,

Tony Hartney CBE

