



Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to share some important personal news with you. After much reflection, I have made the decision to step down from my role as headteacher at the end of the summer term.

This has not been an easy decision. By the end of my tenure, I will have accumulated 27 years of teaching experience, including 19 years at Brighstone, where I have served as a classroom teacher, assistant headteacher, and headteacher for the past six years. It has been a true privilege to serve this school and to be part of such a warm, dedicated and inspiring community. I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together - our pupils' growth, their achievements, and the strong sense of community that makes this school so special.

I have truly enjoyed working with your children and am grateful for so many memories, including school trips and residentials, church services, Summer Sizzlers, visiting classes to see fantastic learning, leading Collective Worships and Golden Worships, working with the wonderful BSA, successful Ofsted and SIAMS inspections and lots more, too many to mention! I will miss being part of Brighstone Primary School, and I will especially miss all the children who make every day so enjoyable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during my time here. Working in partnership with families and the community has always been at the heart of what we do, and I am deeply grateful for the relationships we have built.

The governing body will begin the process of recruiting a new headteacher, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth and supportive transition for pupils and staff.

I remain fully committed to the school for the remainder of my time here and will continue to work closely with staff and governors to ensure that the school finishes the year strongly and continues to thrive.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support. It has been an honour to lead this wonderful school, and I will take many very special memories with me.

I wish you and your family all the very best for the future.

With best wishes,

Mrs Rebecca Lennon