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Dear Parents and Pupils,

Since the announcement was shared that I would be moving on to pastures new from September, it seemed a considerable amount of time before that final day at Homefield actually arrived. However now it is here and despite my obvious sadness at leaving, I thought I would share with you my sincerest gratitude to you all for playing your part in such a fabulous journey with me over the last five years.

To all the pupils, I want to extend a huge thank you for achieving all that you have collectively and individually through being the wonderful characters that you are. Your diverse personalities have created so many memories that I will take away with me; ones that I will always look back on with great fondness. These memories have been filled with laughter, fun, joy and even some with tears. Together, we have enjoyed the countless day trips, the residentials, the funfairs, the interventions, the sporting triumphs on the field and on the track and the recognition from all others, that Homefield pupils have exemplary behaviour. At one time, I thought your greatest achievements were the two inspection results from OFSTED and SIAMS, but these have been surpassed by your resilience and resolve to adapt and cope with two disrupted school years at the hands of the COVID-19 pandemic. Such an inner strength will bode well for your future successes. I cannot wait to hear all about them.

Looking forward, your job now is to welcome the new Interim Headteacher and make Mrs. Glendinning feel instantly part of our Homefield family. You can then immerse yourselves in all the new opportunities the school will have on offer for you, tackle the areas you feel you need to give more attention to and continue the strong reputation of the school within the community. I know you all can do it, so keep making everyone proud. I have always been and will continue to be extremely proud of you all.

My second giant thank you is to all the parents for the support and understanding you have shown the school over my time as Headteacher. Your praise and critique have all been welcomed and valued in equal measure and used, wherever possible, to further enhance the school. The decisions I have made with my staff may not always have pleased everyone, but know that all of them were made with the best interests of the pupils at the heart.



In particular, the decisions made to maintain the highest levels of safety for everyone during this pandemic have been some of the hardest to make, as children, parents and staff have had to miss out on so much. None of my staff nor I would wish for that, but please know there is a tireless amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure necessary adaptations are made to enable events or trips to go ahead for the sake of the children. Nevertheless, we cannot and will not risk the safety of anyone especially when cases are rising daily. You all mean too much to us.

Ultimately, we all learn and grow from the experiences we have, both the positive and the negative ones, but I am happy to say that Homefield has been a positive one for me. I hope it continues to be the same for everyone else associated with the school too. Again, I truly appreciate all you have done, because without your ongoing parental support at performances, fundraisers and sporting events, not to mention your dedication to home learning, the school would not have been able to function as well as it has.

I leave behind a highly capable and caring staff team that will undoubtedly take the school forward further. It has been my privilege to lead such a grand group of educators. They all do a fabulous job and the very best for your children. They are passionate about educating children and making a difference to their futures. More importantly, they are inspired to keep your children safe and happy in school. Please continue to support and work closely alongside them.

Homefield is a successful family and there is always sadness when anyone leaves a family, but it fills me with great pride to know that all pupils are supported holistically to achieve all they can in their education and nurtured emotionally to aspire to be the best version of themselves in society. I will miss all of you and I will always remember to have one eye on how Homefield is getting along. I am staggered by the amount of lovely gifts that I have received and I shall cherish them dearly to remind me of my time here. I cannot thank all of you enough.

With the very best of wishes for a relaxing, safe and prosperous future.

Bradley Young
Headteacher

