

Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that I have made the very difficult decision to retire at the end of the academic year. It has been a difficult decision that I have been thinking of and discussing with my family. During this time, I have experienced a range of emotions but now I am excited by the future and am looking forward to have the opportunity to continue to work in education on a consultancy basis and pursue other opportunities that I have been offered.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my thirty-eight years of teaching and leading in both mainstream and special schools and in particular the opportunity to set up Quest from its inception including the design of the building. From establishing the school in 2017 to achieving our highly successful Ofsted in 2022 it has been a pleasure to be associated with Quest. I have been very lucky to work with so many highly talented and dedicated staff during the last thirty-eight years and would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their support and commitment, not least the Quest Team, which includes the Trust, Local Advisory Board members, staff, learners and families.

There have been a number of highlights over the last thirty-eight years and too many to recount here but on a personal level I am very proud of being nominated for the TES Headteacher of the Year award where I reached the final eight.

I will miss the school so much and your wonderful children who on a daily basis provide myself and staff with an endless source of delight and inspiration with their fantastic achievements.

I know that the job of appointing a new Principal will be undertaken with great professionalism and rigour by the Trust as they have only the interests of the learners and doing the very best for the future of Quest at heart.

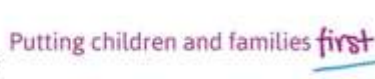
I look forward to continue to working with you all until the end of the Summer Term and in particular celebrating with you all at our annual Questival in July.

Kind regards



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Principal



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