



# PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and children both past and present,

Wow- what a year! I have never heard the term 'unprecedented' used as much as I have during the past six months, and this year has been like no other. The Coronavirus Pandemic continues to provide an incredibly challenging situation, and everyone deserves to celebrate when we finally come out the other side!

Park Hill is a wonderful school- I have enjoyed my time here immensely and I leave with a heavy heart. My decision to leave Park Hill was not an easy one to make but moving on to become a Headteacher of my own school is something I have always aspired to be. Since joining Park Hill in April 2013, I have had the privilege to work with so many great staff, from the lunchtime supervisors to the teachers, everyone shares the core value of wanting the best for your children. My educational philosophy has always been to challenge every child to become better and to have as much fun as possible, which has created so many wonderful memories from my time at the school – moments that literally make me laugh out loud when I reminisce and memories I will cherish forever. I initially joined the school during a period of transition under Mr Taylor's headship, and in the last seven years I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the school journey to where we find ourselves today. It really has been inspiring to work with your children. Every single one of them has their own unique qualities and I have enjoyed teaching, getting to know and spending time with each and every one of them. Every child's learning journey is individual to them and you should all feel so proud of them as I am when I watch them develop. I hope I manage to lead my new school to achieve similar success stories to those I have shared with the families of Park Hill Primary School.

I really didn't think that when I decided to leave Park Hill it would be during a time when we were in a Pandemic and where I wouldn't get to personally say goodbye to the children. However, those who know me well, understand that I wouldn't want it any other way... minimal fuss and for school to continue 'business as usual'. I am not the only member of staff leaving Park Hill. Sandra Thompson has been part of the school community for over twenty years, and unfortunately, she will not get to say goodbye in the way she deserves.

*I just wanted to say a farewell in these strange times - after 20 years it will be bizarre not to be at Park Hill anymore. Well Park Hill, where do I start?! It's been an amazing journey from small beginnings in our old Playgroup hut to being part of another great team at Park Hill School. I've worked with truly incredible staff, parents and of course children. I'm going to miss you all so much but it's time to look forward to time with my husband and family.*

*Stay safe Sandra x*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Griffin for his leadership, trust and friendship, and for believing in me and supporting me as I transitioned through my career at Park Hill. It's been a wonderful journey.

Thank you all for your support over the years and I wish you and your families love, health and happiness in the future. Best of luck for the future to all of the children, past and present... believe in yourself and have fun!

Diolch yn fawr.

Ryan Lawrence