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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

### Farewell and Thank You

I am feeling very emotional writing this as it will be the last letter I write as Headteacher of Parkland Primary School. I joined Parkland as Assistant Head in 2012 before becoming the Headteacher in 2015. I have been proud to have been part of the journey in seeing Parkland become the wonderful place it is today.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given the school, the Parkland Team and myself. It is only through working together that a school can be successful, and the school has so much to celebrate. I am proud of the inclusive way that every child is valued, and staff work hard to get to know each individual pupil so that we can help them to be the very best version of themselves.

It has not been the end to a school year that any of us wanted or even expected. Who would have thought that in our lifetime we would see the closure of schools and lockdowns due to an international pandemic?

It has been wonderful to see the work that the children have continued to do at home, the learning continuing in school for those that were attending, the check-ins and catch ups with children and parents and the range of activities available to the children through Teams and online. Thanks once again for your support with this.

It is really hard not being able to say goodbye to the children in person. It has been a privilege to be the Headteacher to such wonderful pupils. Children – you are all amazing and with continued hard work, resilience, and focus, you can achieve whatever you want. The Parkland Team will be there by your side to support you every step of the way.

I have loved welcoming people to our school and saying, 'Welcome to Parkland.' But now it is time to say, 'Farewell Parkland' and leave the school in Mrs Andrew's very capable hands. Exciting times await!

I may be leaving, but I will take a piece of Parkland with me, and it will always have a special place in my heart.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer and I wish you all the best for the future.

Warm wishes,

Sarah Bishop  
Headteacher  
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