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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with very mixed feelings that I am writing to you regarding my early retirement from Whitley Abbey Primary School. Over my time at Whitley I have written hundreds of letters to parents but this is definitely the most difficult.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the years I have worked at Whitley Abbey, as a Teacher, Deputy Head and Head Teacher. When I came to the school in January 2009, I had no idea of the wonderful impact the children, teachers and community would have on me.

Throughout my time at Whitley as a teacher and as part of the leadership team I have always felt supported by the whole school community. Whitley is a very special 'village' community nestled within the city of Coventry and for almost twelve years it has felt like home to me. It really has been a privilege to be part of the school team and part of the children's journeys with us.

I am taking early retirement to spend more time with my family and grand-children. To do this we need to move back to the North-East. Mr Hall is retiring too and we are hoping for lots of family time and trips in our caravan.

I will be leaving at Christmas this year and the school Governors will be advertising for a new Head Teacher over the summer holiday. Interviews will take place in September so that a new head can be in place for January 2022. We have an amazing staff at Whitley, lead by Ms Carter and Mrs Nero who will together with yourselves and carry the school forward to great things.

I have shared my news with the children today and given them the task of coming up with 'selection criteria' for their new Head Teacher, this is something our Governors have requested. Number one seems to be a Head Teacher with a dog! I have also asked the children to think about some exciting things we can do together in the Autumn term, we have a lot of catching up to do after this last year!

I have so many wonderful memories of my time at Whitley and want to take this opportunity to thank you all for being part of this. I know that the school will flourish in the future and I wish you and your children all the very best.

Yours sincerely

Jules Hall

Head Teacher



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