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Dear children and families and colleagues,

I hope you are all well and continuing to remain safe, well and happy in our 'new normal.'

I have written many letters to children and families over the last 20 years and particularly over the last four years as the proud Head Teacher of Little Heaton C of E Primary school. This letter is, without doubt, one of the most difficult letters I have needed to write to you all. It is with great sadness that I let you know I will not be returning as the Head Teacher to Little Heaton C of E Primary later this term. I can honestly say that the four years as Head Teacher at Little Heaton C of E Primary school have been unique. Filled with laughter, joy, friendship – lots of hard work- and an immense pleasure to be part of a committed and dedicated 'LH Family.' I have been blessed to know such compassionate, enthusiastic, creative, and determined to achieve young people. You truly are 'heroes without capes' with the resilience you show when trying new challenges and commitment to all you wish to achieve. You have made my heart smile each day with moments of pride and beaming delight on your faces as you show the world all the great things you can and will achieve in all aspects of your lives.

I am also grateful for the amazing opportunities I have had to work with a team of staff who work so extremely hard to help the children (and each other) learn new knowledge and skills. Across all areas of school life, from Caretaking and Cleaning, Catering, admin, to our education team, the phrase 'Teamwork- makes the dream work' is modelled by all. A true source of comfort and guidance, always encouraging the children to know 'All things are possible for those who believe.' Not many Head teachers are blessed to work with a united team who generally care about the well being of each other, celebrate and support each other, an extended family whom I will miss seeing daily. At Little Heaton CE, 'we work hard- laugh loudly' (often at my French pronunciation!). The LH humour is certainly a blessing I will miss -the ability to smile and laugh through the most unprecedented circumstances at times as one.

It has been my great fortune to have worked alongside our amazing Leadership Team at Little Heaton C of E primary school, at all levels (and I included our fabulous Pupil Leadership Team in this). Supportive of my vision, and that of the Governing board, for what we could achieve with continued, focused, hard work. Modelling with courage our vision, values and aims –through compassion, laughter and knowledge that change can be uncomfortable sometimes. I will be forever grateful for your support for myself and the LH team in striving to ensure that we continued to improve and provide the very best opportunities and experiences for our children with nurture at it's core. Open to sharing your opinions and listening to the 'LH Family' - always acting in the best interests for the 'LH family.' I know that you will continue to ensure that others recognise the impact which our dedicated children, staff and families have in making a difference each day.





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It has been a joy to come to work each day and I will miss my extended Little Heaton CE family. I would like to thank you for the compassion and good wishes which have been sent in challenging times and the support by families and the community. Whilst I am sad to be leaving you (and due to the impact of the recent pandemic I am unable to say goodbye to you all in person) I am excited for the new opportunities which the future holds for myself and my family, and that the love from my LH family will continue to guide me each day.

With best wishes to you all- stay safe, keep smiling.

Kind regards

Miss JL Hulme

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