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## Dear Parents / Carers

After a lot of soul searching, family discussions and with the heaviest of hearts, I have made the decision to resign from my post as Head Teacher of Hill Top and take an early retirement.

My time at Hill Top has been an absolute roller coaster - I have loved and will continue to love every single minute of my time here.

Having worked with some of the most delightful children, met parents and carers who I genuinely consider friends, worked alongside colleagues who, especially in recent times, have never failed to amaze me with their resilience and perseverance in wanting to do the best for our children and had a Governing Body who have always, always been the supportive backbone of our school - how can I possibly not have loved it?

I will leave Hill Top in the summer of this year and I am currently supporting the Governing Body in recruiting for my replacement, who I am sure will continue to take Hill Top on a new and exciting journey.

It is a time for excitement of course for all concerned with Hill Top and some of you (I hope) may also be thinking that it is the end of an era. It feels like that for me.

Of course, I will be letting you know more of my plans and giving so many thank yous (and goodness have I got a lot of them to give out!) closer to my retirement date, but in the meantime, we will keep you posted on the recruitment process and who the lucky, lucky person will be who will be taking over from me come September 2022.

There is still a lot of work to do between now and September, and I promise you that I will absolutely not be 'winding down' - please be assured of that. Covid will continue to bring its challenges, of course it will, but I will remain absolutely optimistic that in the coming months some elements of normality will return to all our lives where we can invite you, our parents and carers back into school for those celebratory and engaging times we used to share more frequently.

Thank you for your continued support.

Des Martin

Head Teacher

Headteacher Mr D P Martin A Foundation School - Providing education for the children of Low Moor

















