



Highters Heath Community School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

When school returned last September, Mr Doherty told me that he had decided that he would be retiring in July 2022. As you know, he has been very unwell in recent months, so we have not seen him in school for a while.

I know that whilst he was Deputy and then Head Teacher, Mr Doherty made a real impact on our school, and that pupils and parents have great respect for him and the care he has always shown to all of you. This was never in greater evidence than when we were in the midst of the COVID pandemic. I know how much he cared about you all and did his best to support you and your families through that difficult time. I am sure you will join me in wishing to record our gratitude for all he has done for the children and the school, we shall miss him, but wish him well in his retirement.

In addition, I am sad to tell you that Mrs Mudge, our Deputy Head has decided on a change of career, and she will also be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. Instead of working in a school, she will be sharing her experience and knowledge with teachers in many schools. Mrs Mudge has also been a familiar figure in Highters Heath for many years, and she has made a huge contribution to the children and families of Highters Heath. She will be greatly missed, and we thank her for everything she has done over the years. We hope she will find her new job exciting and challenging.

I appreciate that this news may be of concern to you, but as you know, we currently have Mrs Goodfellow as our Interim Head Teacher, and additional leadership support in school to ensure that we continue to work to make changes and improvements.

I am hopeful that within the next week or so, we shall be advised of the Academy Trust which will be leading Highters Heath in the future. I will let you know as soon as we are in possession of the information.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Sue Richards

Chair of Governors