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Dear Parents and Carers

This is a very difficult letter to write, but I need to inform you that I shall be leaving Fishergate at the end of the Spring Term 2015 to take up a position of Head teacher at Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School.

I have been at Fishergate now for 10 years and this post at Clifton with Rawcliffe is a career development opportunity for me. I am very excited at the challenge of leading the biggest primary school in York from the start of the summer term.

I cannot find the words to express my sadness at leaving this wonderful school, but I know I leave it in very safe hands and ready to face the challenges of the future. This school is well placed to continue making great progress and become a truly great school! The strength of the teaching team is second to none. The quality of the relationships within this community school is truly outstanding and I am sure that the school will go from strength to strength in the coming years.

I will be here for the next few months and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure a smooth handover to the next leadership of the school. It will be a priority for the governing body now to draw up a plan for the recruitment of a new Head teacher for this school and I know they will do this superbly well and find the right person to take this school forward.

I cannot thank you all enough for the support and friendship over the past 10 years. These years of leadership here have been the best of my professional career and it has been an absolute privilege to work with such a talented group of friends each day and to work with all the fabulous children and their families.

I know that there will be some uncertainty for the future. The strength of the leadership at Fishergate runs deep and this team of teachers, teaching assistants, admin staff, site managers and everyone else employed by the school will ensure the ethos and strong moral purpose continues, alongside the desire to make sure every child grows in knowledge and skills and is fully prepared for secondary school and the next steps in their journey.

The governing body will keep you all informed as the process to find a replacement headteacher unfolds in the coming weeks and there is still time for me to see you all and support the school community in any way I can during this time of change.

With my thanks and best wishes

Andy Herbert
Head Teacher