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Dear Parents,

I write to inform you that, after 36 years in education, 15 of them as Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher in Hunter's Bar Infant School, I will be retiring in August at the end of this academic year.

It has been my absolute privilege to lead this school, and work within such a fabulous community, with our wonderful children at its heart.

Throughout my career, I have always been fortunate to work with incredibly supportive people, from being a newly qualified teacher in Morley, Leeds through to my leadership roles in Sheffield. During that time, I have experienced many changes in education, but the one thing that has remained constant and gives me that 'get up and go' in the morning is the joy that your children bring. I will certainly miss them but know that they will continue to be looked after and well educated by the high quality team that is in place.

I have appreciated the support and challenge of an excellent governing body and the most fantastic committed staff team. Even with the more recent challenges of the pandemic, they have proven that they hold outstanding values and always give of their best, putting children first.

Hunter's Bar Infant School is a very special place, full of love, warmth and a determination for our children to succeed. I am proud to be able to add my name to the long list of custodians who have presided in my role and am sad but excited to pass the baton on to the next Headteacher.

I am sharing this news with you now as a recruitment process will begin shortly. This is being led by our school governors and will be supported by Learn Sheffield (the governance service of Sheffield City Council). The long lead-in time is aimed at ensuring that the new Headteacher has a good transition period leading up to the next school year.

We are determined to have a time of stability now following so much upheaval as a result of the pandemic. We are really looking forward to providing all of those memorable experiences that the children have missed out on, whilst continuing to focus on their academic and social/emotional learning.

Over the last two years we have shared together a time of history and challenge that we never envisaged. I remain grateful for the immense support that you have given so that we have been able to stay positive throughout, working side by side in close partnership to ensure that our children have stayed safe and resilient. It is my turn to say thank you and well done!

Yours sincerely

Catherine Carr

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