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To All Parents and Carers
Harleston Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well during these very challenging times.

I am writing to inform you that at the end of this term, after over 20 years of dedicated service to the school, Mr Richardson has decided that it is time to move on. You will all know him as the current Deputy Headteacher and I think that some of you may even have known him as your Deputy Head when you were at the school as a pupil!

This in itself reflects the commitment Mr Richardson has made to the school. His contributions, energy, care and good humour have supported well over a thousand children through their primary school experience. He has also worked with many staff during that time and is well respected and valued by them.

Mr Richardson has been clear with me that he would have liked to have made this decision some time ago and yet chose to place his own plans on hold, knowing that leaving when there was no permanent Headteacher would be disruptive for the school. This is the mark of a truly honourable colleague, who has always put the needs of the school ahead of his own wishes. We wish him every success for the future.

As to the work that is taking place in the school, my colleagues in the Trust are working very closely with Ms Holgate to ensure that she has the senior and middle leadership structure that will enable Harleston Primary Academy to become a great place for everyone to learn, flourish and grow.

We are very fortunate to have dedicated staff at Harleston Primary Academy. Therefore, we hope this will be an opportunity for some of these aspiring leaders to develop their careers at Harleston rather than going elsewhere to do so. We will also draw on our close links with other schools, including with ASHS, to bring in additional support to help develop that leadership.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Cranmer
Chief Executive Officer