



# Allanson Street Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well, we have finally reached the finish line for the school year and what an unusual year it has been. You have all done an incredible job throughout the year but more than ever over the last 5 months with so many of you learning from home. Thank you for the time and energy you have given to supporting the children. We all look forward to returning to a new type of normal in September when we welcome all the children back into school. This will be the last time I write to you as your Headteacher as I retire today after many happy years at this school.

I came to Allanson Street Primary School 25 years ago as a Year 2 teacher. Since that time I have enjoyed teaching children in a variety of year groups and have had the pleasure of seeing many past pupils return as parents. In September 2010 I was appointed as Headteacher and since that time I have had the privilege of serving our school community along with a supportive governing body and an exceptional staff team.

It has always been my desire to put the children first in any decision that is made as they are the most important part of our school. The children have sustained my spirit through some more challenging times and I have strived for the same opportunities for them as I have wanted for my own children. They have made every day worthwhile and I will miss them hugely.

Equally, I have been inspired by your kindness and openness as parents and carers. I have had the opportunity to forge successful relationships with many of you and it has opened my eyes to the challenges that many families face. You have often provided me with the opportunity to listen and reflect and subsequently grow and improve our school community.

The staff at Allanson Street are undoubtedly the best team of people in any school and it has been a privilege to work alongside so many talented, caring and hardworking professionals over the last 25 years. The current school leadership team are an incredible group of people whose values reflect my own. Mrs Dingsdale will be acting Headteacher from September. She is a capable and inspiring leader and I know that the school will continue to grow and to successfully nurture future generations.

Many thanks for your support over the last 25 years. I have been overwhelmed with the cards, gifts and kind words that you have shared with me this week. Thank you so much. I wish you all a lovely summer break and a lifetime of good health and much happiness.

With warmest wishes

Mrs P Farnell

Headteacher

