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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that Mr Jeffrey has decided not to return to work at Rushwick School. Mr Jeffrey has been at the school for a long time and his commitment to the children, and providing a warm, happy and positive working environment, has always been at the heart of all he has done. We thank him for his many years of service, and for all he has given to Rushwick School and the wider community. He will be missed, and we wish him all the very best in the future. Please see below a message of farewell he has written to you all.

The children will be told during assembly today and Mr Jeffrey has written a letter to them too. The letter will be read to the children when they are told; a copy of which can be seen below his message to you.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Daffern
Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to in inform you that I have made the difficult decision to leave the position of headteacher at Rushwick School after over seventeen very happy and rewarding years. It is with huge sadness that I have made this decision, especially in circumstances that have come in the wake of a difficult period for the school. I thank you all for all the support and trust you have given my wonderful team of staff over the years, especially during these past few months when I have been absent and recovering from ill health. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work in partnership with you all.

Rushwick is a hard place to leave and has a very bright future. In the years I have served as headteacher, we have created the very best of a school community, with a strong ethos that is both inclusive and outward facing. The children and staff at this school are typically kind, creative and supportive of each other.

It matters greatly to me that Rushwick continues to thrive with our children at the heart of everything that it does. The children's wellbeing, creativity and happiness are first among all priorities and, from what I can see, this has been sharply focused on as the school has come out of the tough Covid restrictions of the past couple of years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and all the children, past and present, for the privilege of working with them and leading this incredible school, and to thank all of you for your support and commitment to your children's learning journey.

Very best wishes,

Geoff Jeffrey

Dear Children,

I am sad to have to tell you that I have decided to leave Rushwick School after seventeen very happy years. It has been a really hard decision to make. I will miss every single one of you but take away very special memories of my time as your headteacher.

I am also very sorry that I have not been in school with you since the start of last term. Being a headteacher is the best job in the world, but it can also be very demanding at times, especially if you are not feeling well. After lots of rest and support from my family, I am feeling a lot better but just not brave enough to come back to school as a headteacher.

As you all know, we have wonderful teachers and support staff at Rushwick, who I will also miss, but I take great comfort in knowing that they will be here to look after you and help you to be the very best you can be.

Goodbye also to our wonderful Year 6 class who are also leaving Rushwick at the end of term. You have been a brilliant group and I have known most of you for a very long time, including many of your mums and dads who know how brilliant Rushwick School is. I am so proud that you were my last Year 6 class at Rushwick.

Change is inevitable in life so, like me, I hope you are all looking forward to your next adventures in September. Just don't forget that your best effort is good enough, but try also to make the most of all the new opportunities opening up to you.

Remember, always be kind.

Mr Jeffrey :)