



Hanley St Luke's C of E (Aided) Primary

16th December 2016

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I write regarding my departure from Hanley St Luke's.

It is with a heavy heart that I leave this wonderful school. I have journeyed along with the team here since 2005 when I joined as the Deputy Headteacher. I have worked with many parents, staff, governors and pupils over these 11 years and have loved every minute of it. We have come a very long way at Hanley St Luke's, balancing a strong sense of tradition with an effort to ensure the quality of what we deliver is at least good. We have achieved both.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with parents during my tenure here. I believe that we have developed very positive relationships and that this is clearly part of our success. The staff team are a group of some of the most talented practitioners I have worked with. Dedicated, hardworking and committed to improving outcomes for the pupils in their care. Factors that permeate everything we do. Our Governors have been supportive but challenging in appropriate measure to hold school leaders to account for improvements. Another success. The children are the stars though. Well behaved, polite, hardworking and proud of what they do in school. I'm certain that their futures will be bright, and as a result, so will the future of Stoke-on-Trent through their inputs, attitudes and their love of where they live.

Mrs Williamson who will be joining you on Thursday 5th January, is an experienced headteacher with a clear vision and drive to make Hanley St Luke's even better. I know that with the ongoing support of parents, staff, governors and children that our school will continue to go from strength to strength.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, cooperation and generosity over the years. I will miss Hanley St Luke's and everything associated with it. It has been such a huge part of my life. I will never forget the opportunity it has provided for me, the people I have met nor the journey I have been on. I will remember everything with great fondness.

I wish everyone the very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely

Mr M A Barlow
Headteacher