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INSPIRING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO LEARN, GROW AND HAVE FUN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that I am retiring from my post as Headteacher of Heath Lane Nursery School at the end of April 2019. This is the most difficult letter I have had to write as I leave the Nursery with sadness in my heart. It has not been an easy decision, but I need to spend more time with my family, particularly my elderly mother and pursue other avenues of working within the educational world.

It has been a privilege to have been Headteacher here for the last 6 years and I leave with so many fond memories. I would like to thank the Governors for putting their faith and trust in me on my appointment and I have been grateful for the journey we have had together, focusing on ensuring that we provide a special, happy and caring learning environment, where all children make the best progress possible. I have enjoyed every moment and there has certainly never been a dull moment. I have been very proud to lead a wonderful team of teachers and early years practitioners who are so committed and passionate in ensuring the ethos of the Nursery school is central to all they do. I will miss them all both as professionals and friends.

Heath Lane Nursery School is a very special Nursery and I will greatly miss the children and their contributions and conversations. I would like to thank you all for your support, both for the Nursery and for me personally. Many of you have so enthusiastically supported fund raising events through the PTA and I do thank you for this and this has always been so appreciated.

I am delighted, however, to be able to inform you that the Governors have appointed Mrs Hayley Yendell and I know that she will be an outstanding successor to me. Mrs Yendell currently works as an Early Years Advisor for Hertfordshire and she is very much looking forward to working with your children and building relationships with their families. I feel I am passing Heath Lane Nursery School to her in a very happy, healthy and positive position.

I would again like to thank my Governing body for their support over these last years and the amazing staff team for all they do for your children. As parents at the Nursery, I thank you all again for your lovely children and for helping the Nursery to have such a positive role in the community. I wish every child every happiness and success in their future.

With warmest regards,

Pauline Kirtley
Headteacher