

Monday 6th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break with your families and that the children are refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. As we begin the new term, I wanted to share some important news with you.

At the end of last term, I met with our CEO, Dr. Kerry Jordan-Daus, and informed her of my decision to step down as headteacher of Warden House Primary School at the end of this academic year.

I have been lucky enough to be part of this wonderful school since September 2008, starting as a team leader teaching in Year 6 before progressing to Assistant Headteacher and, more recently, headteacher. By the end of this school year, I will have been headteacher for over seven years - a role I have been immensely proud to have held.

Warden House is a truly special place to work, and it has been an honour to work alongside such a talented and dedicated team of staff – both within our school and within the wider Veritas Trust team who all strive to provide the best possible education and support for our children and families. This school holds a very special place in my heart, and the decision to step down has been an incredibly difficult one.

However, on a personal level, having worked at the school for over sixteen years, I feel ready for a new professional challenge. While this brings with it a mix of excitement and uncertainty, my priority is to ensure a smooth transition for the school. By making this decision now, I have been clear that I want to give the Trust team the time needed to recruit an exceptional new headteacher to lead our school from the start of Term 1 in September 2025. The children at Warden House deserve nothing less.

For the remainder of the academic year, as always, I remain fully committed to our children, staff, and families. I am determined to make the most of every moment, ensuring the school continues to thrive and progress. I will, of course, keep you updated on my next steps, once I know what these will be.

Thank you for your ongoing support, which means a great deal. It is a privilege to continue to serve our school community, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you for the remainder of the academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rob Hackett
Headteacher