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Dear Parents and Carers

I have written a number of letters home to families over time and far more than I imagined I would when I started my headship in September 2019; this is without doubt the most difficult of them all.

As you will be aware from Mr Diment's letter, dated 10 June, he will be returning to Plymstock School in September when his secondment to Westcountry Schools Trust, as Director of Secondary School Improvement concludes in August.

From September, I am moving on to be Principal and Executive Head of Wellsway School and IKB Academy, Keynsham. I will be fortunate if the staff are anything like the outstanding colleagues that I have worked with in my time at Plymstock School and WeST.

I am saddened to be leaving as I have had the most amazing experience at Plymstock School as Headteacher. Despite the challenges that Covid has brought, I can say with complete honesty that Plymstock School and its community is a very special place and I will remember my twelve years at the school fondly. We have children who are full of compassion, who care for one another and live our virtues every single day. They make me extremely proud, and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life. It has been a great privilege to work with them and to celebrate their achievement and the hard work of the staff in the weekly Plymstock School Blog.

There is absolutely no doubt that the past twelve years have been some of the most remarkable and rewarding of my career. Thousands of young people have passed through our doors in that time and are now making their way in the world. It has been a delight to have been able to teach some of them and get to know so many others.

Working with children and young people is immensely rewarding, but I have also had the honour to have led an entire staff team that have inspired me by their unwavering desire to create the very best school experience for our students. They never deviate from the high expectations that we have of our students and all work extremely hard to give the best they can for them, often giving up their own time to provide opportunities beyond the classroom and to ensure that students achieve the very best outcomes. A highly experienced and committed leadership team and board of Governors have worked with me to make our shared vision happen and I am grateful to them. I know that at times it has not been easy, but even in adversity we've always been able to see the humour and keep a smile on our faces.

Finally, to you, our parents and carers, I thank you one last time for your patience, support and understanding with the endless updates and changes to the way our school has had to operate. Whilst we have faced many compromises, we have always put your child's education first and foremost. Knowing how difficult change can be, you have engaged with it, voiced your opinions and shared your concerns and worries. I hope that you have found that we have taken the time to listen and take on board what you have said.

I am excited about the future for Plymstock School, and the next chapter in its life and mine.

Mr Diment and our staff look forward to welcoming all students back in September and I wish all families the very best for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Rob Pearsall  
HEADTEACHER

