



ST MATTHEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that after nine happy and successful years at St Matthew's CE Primary School, I will be leaving our school at the end of the summer term to become the new Headteacher of Seymour Park Community Primary School in Old Trafford.

This has been an incredibly difficult decision to make. I love St Matthew's and have always known what a brilliant school it is, but also how much better it could be. I still remember what our school was like when I joined in 2010 as the Deputy Headteacher and Year Two teacher. I keep that class photograph in my office and it always reminds me of how far we have come as a school.

When I became your headteacher five years ago our school needed change. Since then we have been on quite a journey together and St Matthew's has changed almost beyond recognition. St Matthew's is now a popular and highly successful school but most importantly, it is now a school where our children are happy and thrive. A school where our children truly shine.

I couldn't be prouder of our wonderful school and everything we have achieved together. As Ofsted said, our school is now a place where everyone feels proud to belong.

Although I will not be leaving until the end of July, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school family for your support, confidence and encouragement. My headship has been made easier by the unwavering support you have all given me. Thank you.

I would particularly like to thank our children. I do not know a better group of young people who give me more hope for the future than the 240 children who attend St Matthew's. They shine and make me proud every day.

Our brilliant, hardworking and dedicated staff will continue to provide your children with the best education. Working in a small school is incredibly hard but I know that this team will continue to do their very best for every child in their care.

The Board of Governors will now begin the process of recruiting and appointing a new Headteacher ready for September. I have no doubt they will select someone who has the passion and commitment to lead St Matthew's forward. I have every confidence the new Headteacher will lead St Matthew's to an outstanding future.

It has been the greatest privilege to serve as your Headteacher. I will miss our school family enormously, especially the children. But I know I leave St Matthew's shining brightly with even brighter days ahead.

With best wishes,

Mr T Johnson
Headteacher

Let Your Light Shine

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