

Dear Parents,

Oh my goodness....WOW!! I am totally, totally humbled by your absolute kindness and generosity to me this morning. I have just attended my final celebration assembly which needless to say had me in tears... a really tough day for me and one filled with such emotion. 'Thank you' is not enough to express my gratitude to you all for my gifts and flowers! I am absolutely blown away by your kindness.



It is really hard to sit and write this letter, my last to you all, but it is with a heart full of gratitude and nostalgia as I reflect on the incredible journey we have shared together over the years at Trull School. Back in June, when I first heard that I was successful in my interview for my new job, Christmas seemed such a long way away. I think as you age, time just flies and it is hard to believe we are now here at the end of term.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as the Headteacher of such an outstanding group of children and staff, and I am so profoundly grateful for the trust you have placed in me and the entire school staff. Together, we have watched the development and achievements of your children and it makes me so incredibly proud to see the positive impact that our collaborative efforts have had. They are such a credit to you all and I will forever remember all the wonderful things they have done and achieved.

I have been so incredibly fortunate to work in a school with such an amazingly passionate and dedicated staff Team. Their tireless efforts, creativity, and commitment to the well-being and education of each and every child have been instrumental in making Trull School the vibrant and nurturing school it is today. This school is truly remarkable and will undoubtedly continue to thrive and go from strength to strength. Ofsted sadly was my nemesis and the tragic events around Ruth Perry certainly hit home hard, but we know that Trull is an exceptional place and the staff are the most diligent professional colleagues, all dedicated to doing all they can to provide the best education and experience for your children.

I just wanted to personally say a massive thank you for the unwavering support and encouragement you have given me and the school over the years. You all hold a very special place in my heart and always will... you all feel like one big family to me. We have been through many things together and for some, this includes COVID, which I feel has brought us all closer together. I hope over the years I have been a source of assistance during difficult times or challenges and if nothing else, just been someone you can confide in and talk to.

Parting ways with a school I hold so dearly is an incredibly tough decision, but it is essential to constantly seek self-improvement and embrace new challenges. I hope this will be something the children see and I hope that I inspire them to also see that doing something out of your comfort zone is good for the soul too. As the saying goes, "You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore!" And this is taking a lot of courage, that is for sure!

And so, it is with a deep sense of pride, gratitude and sadness that I bid you all a heartfelt farewell. It has been a wonderful journey and I will leave with so many fantastic memories. I now pass the reins on to Mr Bottomley, for the interim and possibly more, someone I have great faith and admiration in and someone who will, I am sure, continue to guide and move the school forward from strength to strength....onwards and upwards!

I do hope you all have the most amazing Christmas and here's to all of you in the New Year. May 2024 bring much health, happiness, love and laughter.

Thank you all, and farewell...I will raise a glass to your good health and happiness tonight! I will miss you all.

Best wishes,
Karen Wedlake

