



21 February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that I have tendered my resignation to the Governing Body and will be leaving Hamble at the end of August 2018. I wanted to inform you at the earliest opportunity and also assure you that I will be working with the Governing Body to ensure continuity of leadership as I depart. We have a well-established senior leadership team and strong team of middle leaders who have worked with me to great success since my arrival at Hamble and this bodes well for the continued success of the school during the transition to a new Headteacher.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Headteacher at Hamble and I am extremely proud of the Hamble school ethos of 'Achieving Excellence Together'. I have had the good fortune to lead a dedicated team of staff, who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the students enabling them to achieve the outcomes they deserve. I have also received fantastic support from the Governing Body who volunteer their time readily to provide challenge and support for the school.

The students at Hamble have much to be proud of, whether it is achieving results consistently above the national average or in terms of the contribution they make to their school and the wider community. Hamble is now clearly established as the local school of choice with record numbers applying for places in September 2018. It is so rewarding to see these achievements and I am confident that the school is in an excellent position to continue building on these successes over the coming years.

As I head towards retirement after thirty-one years in the profession, seventeen in senior leadership and eight as a Headteacher, I can reflect on the many rewards that being involved in the education of young people brings and I feel privileged to have served the Hamble community over the last three years. I would like to thank you for all your support during this time and wish your child(ren) every success for the future. It will be 'business as usual' for me until the 31st August 2018 and so I look forward to working with you until then.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Croke
Headteacher B. Ed(Hons) MA, NPQH.

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.

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