

ANNECY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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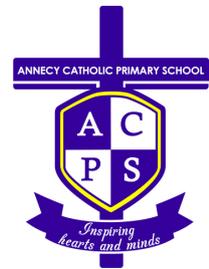
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with a very heavy heart and great sadness that I write to you today to announce that I am leaving my post as Head Teacher of Annecy Catholic Primary School at the end of June 2018.

As many of you will know, I am currently recovering from a car crash which took place in October 2017. I had hoped that my recovery would have enabled me to return to work before the end of the current academic year. Unfortunately this is not the case, as I have recently developed complications which have delayed my progress. I have therefore decided that I have no other alternative than to fully focus on my recovery and regrettably I will be leaving my post as Head Teacher so the school can continue to move forward.

This has been an extremely difficult decision and one I have agonised over for weeks. Annecy is a massive part of who I am; having attended as a pupil not so many years ago and completed my final Teaching practice at the School. It was therefore a dream come true when I was appointed as a year 6 teacher, followed by Deputy Head and Head of School before finally being appointed as Head Teacher. The ultimate honour in my career: Head Teacher of my beloved Primary School and local parish.

I have so many fond memories of my time spent at Annecy it is hard to know where to begin. I have witnessed many changes and challenges over the years. However the one thing which has always been at the heart of my work has been the amazing pupils both past and present who have made my job so unique and rewarding. I don't think a day has gone past when they have not made me smile and proud of being Head of the Annecy Family. It has been a privilege for me to watch each and every one of them learn, grow and develop on their journey through the School.

As Head Teacher I have been extremely lucky to have worked with a dedicated and supportive team of staff, who I cannot thank enough for the support and commitment they have shown to both the school and the pupils despite the many challenges we faced in recent years. It was heartening that work over recent years to make the school the one we all know and love was recognised in the Section 48 report following the inspection on the 29th March 2017:

'Annecy is a rapidly improving school offering a caring and inclusive education within a Catholic community.'

'School leaders, staff and governors are well placed to take the school forward. It is clear from evidence gathered during this inspection that the seeds of excellence are being sown.'

This was further recognised in the September 2017 inspection report from OfSTED:

'Recent changes made by leaders are beginning to make a positive difference to pupils' learning. Leaders monitor teaching effectively, provide relevant training for staff and share good practice. Leaders have identified appropriate next steps for the school but have not yet realised their ambition for all pupils to achieve well.'

It is with great sadness that my accident resulted in me being unable to be part of the schools continuing journey something I have found very difficult during my recovery. I will always hold Annecy dear to my heart and wish the school and the pupils every success in the future.

With my love and prayers

Jane Thompson

Head Teacher