



DUCKMANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Duckmanton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher: Emma Levers
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It is with a very heavy heart that I write to let you know that I will be leaving my role as Headteacher of Duckmanton Primary School in January, as my family and I are relocating to Australia.

The dedication of the staff, the determination of the children, and the unwavering support of you, our parents and carers, have enabled us to make significant strides forward as a school. Together, we have built a strong foundation for continued success. I am deeply saddened that I will not be here to continue that work and witness the next stage of the school's journey unfold.

My connection to Duckmanton extends far beyond my time as Headteacher. As a child, I spent many happy days in the village, and having had the opportunity to return years later to lead the school has been both a privilege and a source of immense personal pride. It is this deep-rooted connection to the community that makes my decision to leave all the more difficult.

I entered the teaching profession because I wanted to make a positive difference to the lives of children. Seeing the children of Duckmanton grow in confidence, achieve their goals, and develop into kind, caring and resilient young people has been the greatest privilege of my career. They inspire me every day, and I truly cannot imagine a more rewarding place in which to have served as Headteacher.

Although I will be leaving in January, I want to reassure you that I remain fully committed to the school until that time. Over the coming months, my focus will be on continuing to drive improvement, supporting our children, staff and families, and ensuring that Duckmanton Primary School is in the strongest possible position for its next chapter. I am determined to leave the school in a position of strength, providing a secure foundation for the new Headteacher to build upon and ensuring that our journey of improvement and excellence continues long into the future.

I am incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together. Thank you for the kindness, trust and support you have shown me during my time at Duckmanton Primary School. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this wonderful community. I will leave with many cherished memories, lasting friendships, and immense pride in all that we have achieved together.

I will speak directly with the children when we return on Monday 7th September, and I know they will continue to make this school and community proud.

Until then, I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Mrs Emma Levers

Headteacher