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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I trust you are all well and know from Mrs Owen that most of our pupils are engaging in home learning on either Tapestry or Seesaw. In school staff teams have kept school open over Easter and continue to provide daily care for the children of key workers and some other pupils. I have been immensely proud of the way our staff and pupils have responded to these difficult times and it shows what a strong school community we have.

It is therefore even more difficult for me to announce that I will be leaving Holy Trinity this year. This news is never easy to share and the current health crises has meant that I have had to delay making this announcement and prioritise responding to the day to day challenges we face as a school. I would have rather shared this news in more normal times.

My promises to you all when I became the Principal was that this school would be graded by Ofsted as a good school and that this would be a place in which pupils and staff would be happy. In the last 6 years the school has offered our pupils and families incredible pastoral support, a family centred welcoming environment and high levels of pupil engagement in learning. I have delivered on these promises and enjoyed every moment of being Principal.

We have amazing relationships with our pupils and families and the staff team at Holy Trinity are incredibly strong. They will continue to ensure that the school grows in the coming years. I couldn't be more proud of our school which continues to show that we are a small school with a big heart even in these difficult times.

Our Trust and Governors have appointed Mrs Marsland to be the New Head of School at Holy Trinity. Mrs Marsland is currently Assistant Head at St Chads in Headingley and works across our Trust as a leading teacher for maths. She therefore knows our staff and many of our pupils already. I know that she is proud to have been appointed to this role and is greatly looking forward to taking Holy Trinity forward.

I will be the Head teacher of a C of E primary school in Batley. I am very much looking forward to my new role but want you to know that Holy Trinity will always have a special place in my heart.

I started at Holy Trinity when our current Year 6 pupils were in Reception. It is sad that our last year at Holy Trinity is like it is but I know that staying home and safe is the best thing for us all. It is impossible to know when schools will reopen. In the meantime, please know that I am focussed on making sure that Holy Trinity continues to respond to the current crisis in exemplary fashion.

Yours sincerely

D. Foulke

Principal















