



Thursday 19th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

After 33 fantastic years in education, 23 years as a Headteacher, the time has come for me to say farewell.

As I look back on my career, I feel an immense sense of gratitude and pride for the experiences I've had, the people I've met, the staff teams I've worked with and the communities I've been privileged to serve.

Over the past six years at Glapton, I have probably had my greatest experience, leading a school community that literally puts their children first at every juncture and who will fight tooth and nail to get the very best for their child. Challenging at times, but as a mum of five children myself, more often heart-warming and a joy to witness.

It has always been my belief that school is about much more than academic achievement. It is about helping children build the confidence to discover for themselves, make great friendships, and create awesome memories that will last a lifetime. When I look at our children, I see not only bright, inquisitive minds but also individuals who are learning the value of kindness, respect, and friendship. Lessons for life!

My belief has always been that everyone matters but children matter the most and as a result I know I have been like 'marmite' to some of you! Even so, I would genuinely like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, the parents and carers, for your support for the school throughout my time here. Your involvement in your child's school life and your encouragement of your children have been crucial to creating the nurturing environment we now have at Glapton.

While it is difficult to say goodbye, I leave with the knowledge that Glapton is in excellent hands because this staff team is literally the best (literally the best!) and every single one of them plays a major part in keeping this school great, and because of this, Glapton will continue to thrive and just get better and better.

Miss Leek and our awesome team will build on the wonderful foundation we've established – watch this space Clifton!

As I move on to the next chapter of my life, I will always treasure the memories of my time here—of the children's laughter, their 'Good Morning Mrs Hurst', all the exciting things we have done, their amazing behaviour and all of the times they have made me so proud (literally every day)!

They all have bright, bright futures ahead of them! I look forward to seeing some of them popping up on TV, in sport or even on The Forbes lists!

Thank you once again for allowing me the incredible privilege of being part of your children's educational journey and a small part of your lives.

I wish you and your families continued happiness and success in the years ahead.

With warmest regards and sincere thanks,

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