



George Stephenson
High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I told our staff and Governors yesterday (Thursday 7 April) that I have been interviewed for, offered, and accepted a new post for next year meaning I won't be here as Headteacher in September. It was a really hard decision to make to leave here as I have been proud to be have been the Headteacher here for what will be 13 years in September.

The job I am moving to is still within North Tyneside but is not in one school, rather working across and with all of our schools (particularly the secondary schools) and working alongside the team of Directors and the elected politicians. The role is the Strategic Lead for the Education Review which is being undertaken in North Tyneside - it is a new role within the authority. I feel very loyal to North Tyneside having been born and raised here and having spent 20 years of my teaching career here and I hope I will be able to make a difference for young people across the borough.

I genuinely feel that this is an exciting opportunity for someone new to take the school forward – the school is in a great place and is ready for the next stage in its development. The Governors have already started the recruitment process. I am still of course in post until 31 August and will continue doing everything I can to ensure the school continues to offer the best possible educational experience for all.

I'd like to thank all parents for your support over my 13 years as headteacher; it is a pleasure to work in a school with parents who are so invested in their child's education.

Yours sincerely

Ian D. Wilkinson

Mr Wilkinson - Headteacher