

8 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with huge regret that I write to you with my decision to step down from the role of Headteacher from the end of this academic year. This is one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make and one of the hardest letters I have ever had to write. Whilst this may come as a shock to many of you, I can assure you that it isn't a decision I have taken lightly and have spent a while discussing my future with my family and the Governors.

You may not be aware but I have been experiencing health problems and I have tried to continue in my role as normally as possible. My family have been increasingly concerned by this and have encouraged me to put my health and family first. Having considered all options, I cannot lower my standards both professionally and personally by reducing my intensity to the level required to improve my health condition.

I truly want the very best for Barnwood Park's students and staff and I will continue my high standards in work ethic, attendance and intensity until the end of the summer term and to help find the next Headteacher to take the school forward and continue our journey and its continued improvement.

I am proud of my 5 years at Barnwood Park and the progress that the school has made in culture, organisation, financial stability and quality of outcomes. The school journey is not finished and it is with great sadness that I cannot lead this further and continue the work we have been doing. I have enjoyed being a part of the Barnwood Park family and seeing the students and staff grow. We have really pulled together and overcome many hurdles over the past few years, especially with COVID, and I know this is only a minor hurdle in the school's progression. I can be replaced as a Headteacher, but I know I cannot be replaced as a father and a husband, hence my decision.

It has been an honour to be the Headteacher of Barnwood Park and it is a special place with a very special community. I thank you for your support whilst I've been Headteacher and I wish you all a safe and successful future.

Kind regards

Mr Albon

Headteacher