



## **Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery**

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Dear Bicton families,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this letter to you.

Over the past 19 years, I have given my life to Bicton School and I feel blessed to have been part of such an amazing school. From when I started primary school, being a teacher was all ever I wanted to do. To me, teaching is a vocation and I thank my lucky stars that Bicton School has allowed me to achieve my dreams.

After joining the old Bicton School as a newly-qualified teacher in 2005, I could never have imagined that I would one day have the honour of being Bicton's Headteacher. Leading Bicton School over the past 10 years has been a privilege and a role that I have relished but, since the pandemic, the picture of education has changed dramatically. The last eighteen months have been some of the toughest I have known and the day-to-day challenges have left me exhausted and feeling I have nothing left to give.

I have always put the school first in everything I do, frequently to the detriment of my own family. This has been a very difficult decision to make but, for the sake of me and my family, I have informed our governing body that I will be leaving Bicton at the end of the summer term.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to say thank you for your friendship, the laughter we have shared, and the support you have given me but, most importantly, I thank you for bringing your children to Bicton School and allowing me the opportunity to be part of your children's lives.

It has been an absolute privilege watching your children grow and shine and seeing them achieve their dreams just as I have. I wish each and every one of them the brightest of futures.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Natalie Johnson