

30th August 2021

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the summer holidays and my time as CEO of the Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for all your kind wishes, cards and presents marking my early retirement. I was overwhelmed by your generosity and I am incredibly grateful for all the gifts. I very much appreciated the hitch lock for my caravan and the National Trust membership, both of which have been used extensively over the summer holiday. I am also in the process of purchasing some new IT equipment with the money I was given.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my teaching career and loved the 'This Is Your Life' assembly, which the staff and children put together for me before the end of term. I was sorry that I did not get to see as many people face to face as I would have liked before the end of term. This could not be helped and was due to the COVID pandemic, which has blighted all of our lives since last year!

I wish you, the schools and the Trust every success in the future and I am very proud of the part I have played in supporting our wonderful children, staff and schools. All the schools within the Trust are in an exceptionally good position and in my opinion, and that of my Board, are all outstanding.

I will miss everyone but look forward to hearing great things about you in the future; you will always be in my thoughts.

Finally, I know that you will join me in wishing Mrs Gethin every success as the new CEO! I know that she will do a superb job in leading the Schools and the Trust in the next stage of their journey.

Goodbye and God bless.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr P J Lovern**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust**