

WALTON LE DALE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

I am writing to inform you that I have taken a very difficult decision and submitted my resignation from the position as Headteacher at Walton-Le-Dale High School. This is planned to take effect at the end of April 2025.

I love being headteacher of this school and am very proud of the students, the staff and the progress we have made. When I was appointed, I never imagined I'd be leaving so soon.

However, as headteacher, my responsibilities extend beyond the school day, involving various commitments such as overseeing the wellbeing of staff and students and managing the school's development. This role demands a great deal of time, focus, and energy and as much as I am dedicated to ensuring the success of our school, balancing these responsibilities has had an impact on my personal and family life and this is something I need to redress.

I am confident that Steve Mitchell from Aspirational Futures and our Governing Body will appoint an excellent replacement as Headteacher of Walton-Le-Dale High School and I know that they will keep you fully informed throughout the process.

I am committed to giving my all for you until my leaving date, and I will work with Steve and the senior leadership team to ensure a smooth transition.

Walton-Le-Dale is a special place because of the community of students and staff who belong to it. That will remain the same, and I look forward to reading and hearing about continued successes long into the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'V Ardern'.

Vicky Ardern
Headteacher