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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

It is hard to believe that today is the last day of term and another academic year has passed already. It feels surreal to end the year without the hustle and bustle of the last day and the pending excitement of school being out for summer. This year, more than ever, has made us appreciate how important our pupils are – their smiles and passion for learning is what brings our schools alive.

The last three months have been incredibly challenging for us all, and we have been dependent upon the continued resolve of your support to keep everything working as positively as it has. This has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you, as ever.

As we embark upon the summer break, a chance to recharge batteries and look forward to all our pupils returning in September, we will sadly be losing some of our staff to new opportunities elsewhere. They leave with our very best wishes and appreciation of their contributions for both the organisation as well as our children.

#### **Central Primary**

- Mrs Valentine (Admin)
- Miss Tickell (Teacher)
- Miss Navin (Cleaner)
- Miss Tait (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr Murton (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs Paterson - Teaching Assistant - has been at Central for 20 years and is moving to work in a Special School in recognition of her skills.
- Mrs Crook - 2 Year Old Manager - has been at Central for 16 years and will be using her brilliant people skills in another organisation to support adults.

#### **Bothal Primary**

- Miss Bloomfield (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss McCabe (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Small (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs Davison (Midday Supervisor)
- Mrs Wright (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs Storey - Cover Supervisor - has been at Wansbeck/Bothal for 20 years and is taking a well-earned retirement!

**On behalf of the staff, children and governors of the Ashington Learning Partnership Trust may I thank everyone and wish them all the very best of luck in the future.**

So what does next year bring us?

We begin a new academic year under new government guidance, and we will of course keep you as informed as best we can. Work will continue over the summer to ensure the best possible environment, curriculum and staff teams to engage and inspire our children in September.

In addition to this, there will be some changes at Senior Leadership level from September: Mr Kemp (Assistant Head of School) will be moving to Central Primary to work with Mrs Harle (Assistant Head of School) and Ms Clark (Deputy Head of School). Miss A Hall (Deputy Head of School) will be joining Mrs Johnston (Assistant Head of School) at Bothal Primary. Miss L Hall will continue in her role as Head of School across both Bothal and Central Primary Schools.

Looking back over the last year, there are so many things worthy of recognition prior to what we have been through together over the last few months. These include:

- The Ofsted outcome at Central Primary, positively recognising how we are meeting the needs of our children.
- The curriculum we are delivering, done together for our children.
- Thrive provision development, supporting our children to be the best they can be.
- A sense of togetherness across ALP with all staff, parents, governors, Friends groups, working as a team to support and enhance our community.
- And of course our brilliant children!

Whilst we are all unquestionably looking forward to a summer break, we are more so looking forward to returning in September and seeing everybody's smiling faces again. For our pupils moving on to pastures new, we wish them the very best as they embark upon their secondary journey and look forward to hearing about their successful starts in their new school. Whatever September brings, it remains our intention to be the best we can be for your child(ren).

On behalf of the staff and governors, may I thank you once again and wish you all a very well-deserved break with your family.

My very best wishes to you all.

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