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To Parents and Carers,

I have had the honour and the privilege of being the headteacher at Lakenham Primary School since 2007. During that time, I have seen the school double in size. I have been responsible for leading the school through difficult and joyous times and have learned so much from the incredible community of Lakenham. I remember at my interview saying that I thought it was the role of the headteacher to make themselves redundant. I think I have achieved this.

I believe you have done a good job when the systems, processes, vision, and culture and ethos of a school are not dependent on a personality or one person. I know that Lakenham has a secure future. There is an incredible team of people at Lakenham who share a vision and have high expectations of our community and themselves, it makes me emotional thinking about them and knowing that I am saying goodbye. I guess my thoughts and reflections at this time are best said by Nanny McPhee: *There is something you should understand about the way I work. When you need me but do not want me, then I must stay. When you want me but no longer need me, then I have to go.* It's rather sad, really, but there it is.

<https://youtu.be/TioxrYazL4s>

I know that Nikki Wilson and Lucy Roberts are more than capable of running the school on my departure. Ideally, I would have liked to have spent this final educational year with you and walk through the streets of Norwich for one last time in our annual parade in July, but unfortunately I will be leaving Lakenham on the 31st of March 2017.

So, it is with enormous sadness, great pride and love that I am tendering my resignation as headteacher of Lakenham Primary School. It has been an incredible journey and I would like to thank everyone who came along for the ride. It has been emotional...and the best and most rewarding job in the world. I will miss you all very much.

Ori Dalton
Headteacher

