



Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the 2020/21 year comes to a close we inevitably lose our Year 8 students (and many of their parents) to pastures new. They have collectively and individually had an enormous effect on shaping our school culture through their contributions, both in and out of the school. We are sure they will carry the positivity, perseverance, and adaptability they have gained into the next chapter of their education, and we wish them all success for their future.

Sadly this year, we will also be saying goodbye to Miss Baramuszcak. For the last 5 years Miss Baramuszcak has led our school, building a team of dedicated staff, with a singular mission to provide the best possible education for our children in the most caring environment possible. Without exception she has dedicated herself to this role, committing her time, effort and talents to this purpose and serving this community whole-heartedly.

The last 18 months have been difficult for many people for many reasons, but the role of a Headteacher in this period has been especially taxing. During this pandemic Miss Baramuszcak has been responsible for the safety of over 200 children and staff, maintaining high quality education, delivering pastoral support for anxious students, managing staff concerns, reacting to stressed parents and implementing the (sometimes daily) changing directives from Government. Throughout this she has inspired confidence in the staff, students and governing body, with her calm and professional manner, attention to detail and supportive leadership.

We have been lucky to have Miss Baramuszcak for the last 5 years, and especially for the last 18 months; she has lived and breathed our mantra of "Big enough to inspire. Small enough to care." She will be a great loss to Ryecroft, and we wish her all the best for her future.

On a final note, I would like to say that my abiding memory of the school this year has been the teamwork shown between the staff, students, and parents to work through such an incredibly challenging time. The support and trust given to each other over the year has lightened the load of those who have the heaviest burden, and this collaboration is at the centre of what it is to be a community.

Lastly, on behalf of the Governing Board I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy a well-deserved break and I look forward to a successful start to the new year in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Oliver Howlett
Chair of Governors
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