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Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Past Pupils,

I know that whatever I say now in this letter will fall far short of what is due, as how can I possibly sum up in a few words what being accepted as part of your community has meant to me for the last 32 years and 4 months?

Your kindness, welcome and support has been a constant in my life for so long, first as Primary 7 teacher and then as principal. I will never forget all my beloved P7 pupils, many of whom I am now writing to as parents of current or past pupils, and then the privilege I had of getting to know *all* pupils and parents in the school as principal. I am surely blessed with so many happy memories to treasure.

The last few weeks have been totally overwhelming with all your kind words when you have seen me, the messages you have written in cards and emails, and the deluge of gifts you have given me. My cup truly runneth over.

All I can finally say is thank you. Thank you for being part of my life and thank you for letting me be part of yours. And thank you for bestowing on me that ultimate trust – the care of your children.

It has been an absolute privilege.

With love, gratitude and thanks from the bottom of my heart,

Julie Shipley

Principal