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Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of Christ Church,

**A final message from me!**

Saying goodbye is never easy and I certainly could never have imagined saying goodbye in these circumstances! I hope that you are all managing to keep safe and healthy at this difficult time.

Today is my last day at Christ Church and I wanted to write to you all to thank you for your support and positivity over the past three years. I feel incredibly lucky to have worked with you and your wonderful children and it has been a genuine privilege to serve as your head teacher.

Christ Church has a very special heart and I am proud to have been a small part of its growth and success. Without doubt, the major highlight of my time at school has got to be the wonderful children and the great people of our school family. I will treasure the laughing, sharing, support and understanding of everyone.

Teaching is an incredibly demanding job, but also, perhaps the most rewarding job in the world. It is made all the more wonderful when you work with good people and caring friends. I would like to say a massive thank you to every member of our staff team for helping to make school such a special place.

I would also like to say a special thank you to all the Christ Church Governors. They are a kind-hearted group of people who volunteer their time and energy for the best of our wonderful children. Thank you all for your trust, guidance and support over the past three years; I am very grateful for all that you do and will continue to do for our school family.

I must also say a massive thank you to our dedicated and hardworking PFA team. Fundraising takes time and effort and it is thanks to their hard work, we have been able to invest in new technology and resources over the past three years. Their efforts help to make a huge difference to our school and our children and I hope that you can continue to support their work over the coming years. On behalf of the children and staff, thank you.

As my time at Christ Church comes to an end, I am delighted to be handing over the reins to my partner in crime, Mrs Pope. We joined the school together in 2017 and she has been a huge support and friend to me and our whole staff team. Indeed, I am incredibly grateful to her for helping to drive our school forward. I know that she will bring fresh energy and new ideas to the job whilst continuing the good work of the past three years. Under her leadership and with your continued support, I am sure that the school will continue to go from strength to strength in the future.

...and so it's goodbye from me and onto the next phase for Christ Church, for me and my family. Christ Church will always be a special place because of the children and adults that combine to make the whole school family. This will continue long into the future and I look forward to hearing all about the children's achievements and successes.

One final thank you I promise! May I say a massive thank you to you all for your lovely messages and well wishes. Your kind words mean the world to me. I have also made a short video for the children, which can be found on the latest news page of our website, please share it with them and let them know they that I am sending them lots of love. I will miss their wonderful smiles and positively.

Keep safe and keep happy.

Always be kind,

Mr Duncan Cook