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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is one of the hardest letters I have had to write in my twenty-eight years as a Head Teacher. With my continuing ill health I have made the very difficult decision that I should retire as the Head of Crowmoor at the end of the Autumn Term.

I have been privileged to serve as Head of this unique school; at the heart of the Monkmoor Community. A community lived in by close members of my family. This job has been the highpoint of my near forty years in teaching. John Schofield, our old caretaker told me when I was appointed that there was a Crowmoor saying: **“once at Crowmoor, always a part of the Crowmoor family.”** I hope that you and your children have felt part of this family.

I have appreciated the support of all the parents who have worked in partnership with the School to help get the best outcomes for their children. I have tried to work with and on behalf of all the children in my care over the last fifteen years; supporting staff to ensure pupils were treated as individuals, able to feel safe and supported at school and given appropriate opportunities to enable them to achieve their personal best.

I have felt very honoured to see pupils develop and mature into confident individuals; voicing their own opinions. We have tried to value all talents, be they academic, artistic or sporting! The recognition given by UNICEF in awarding Crowmoor the international Gold Right's Respecting School Award; the National Platinum Sports, Healthy Schools and Music Mark awards all show our success in developing our broad curriculum.

The staff are the most important asset of any school; I have been very lucky to have worked with some outstanding teaching, admin and cleaning/catering colleagues over the years.

I look forward to hearing about the future success of Crowmoor's pupils; be it like past pupils as an airplane pilot, hairdresser, biologist, chartered accountant, council leader, business person, mechanic or health professional or whatever they want to be. I know Mrs. P will keep me updated of their progress!



If you can dream and believe it, you can achieve it!

I leave the school looking forward to a positive future as part of The Shine Multi-Academy Trust and the next chapter in its long history.

Thank you, good luck and best wishes!

I will always be “proud to be Crowmoor!”

Mr. P

Alan Parkhurst JP

Head Teacher



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