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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to you to let you know of my decision to step down as Principal of Marsden Junior School. This has been an extremely difficult decision and one that I have considered deeply.

I am extremely proud of my time at Marsden and will always be grateful for the continued support that I have received from the whole school community. Marsden will always be a very special place to me; my first headship, an incredible journey of progress over the last nine years and the team spirit from everyone involved.

Marsden Junior School has a dedicated and incredible staff team who work tirelessly to provide a high-quality education and care for each individual child – they are the best to work alongside. The success achieved can only be done with a supportive team around you, which I certainly have.

To the children of Marsden, who brighten my day as they walk through the gate, keep working hard, follow our values, believe in yourselves and continue to have fun along the way. Mrs Mansell is proud of you all.

The transformation for our junior school has been significant over the last nine years, with my passion for outdoor learning, personal development and desire to nurture the ‘whole child’ at the forefront of my ethos.

I will be leaving at Easter, and the Trust is arranging for an Executive Principal to provide leadership and will be supporting transition during the spring term.

A genuine thank you to the staff, pupils, parents and carers, governors and Great Heights Academy Trust and wider Marsden community for all your support, kindness and commitment along the way. There can be no doubt in my mind that the school will continue to build on the strong foundations and go from strength-to-strength. Marsden Junior School is a fantastic school and the future leadership will be very lucky to work with you all.

Kind regards

*S Mansell*

Mrs Mansell, Principal

