



9 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share some important news that I have shared with students this morning in a podcast during mentor time regarding my role at Finham Park School.

From September 2025, I will be taking on a new position as Principal of a large, through school (ie with children aged 3-18 years of age) of 2,100+ pupils. As a result, I will be stepping down as Headteacher of Finham Park School at the end of this academic year.

Finham has been a significant part of my life for the past eight years, and it has been an honour and a privilege to lead this wonderful school community. I am immensely proud of all that we have achieved together during this time. And so, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The effective partnership between home and school has always been a key strength of Finham, and it has played a vital role in creating a school environment where young people can thrive both academically and personally.

Throughout my time at Finham, I have had the pleasure of working alongside an exceptionally skilled and dedicated staff team. Their relentless commitment to supporting every student has led to outcomes well above national averages, and a recent Ofsted inspection that reflected the strength of our provision and culture. Most importantly, Finham continues to be a place where students are known, cared for, and challenged to be their best.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our skilled governors and within Finham Park MAT in my time here. The unwavering support the school and I have received from Mark Bailie (CEO), governors and the wider MAT team has made the experience here truly special. It's this strong sense of community and collaboration that will make saying goodbye even harder. And so, although I will be incredibly sad to leave, I have every confidence that the school will continue to thrive.

Finham Park School will always hold a very special place in my heart. It has been a true privilege to serve this amazing community, and I will leave with the deepest appreciation for the students, staff, and families who make this school such a special place.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Bishop (Headteacher)