



# The Cedar School

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Dear Cedar School Community,

**Thank you and Goodbye ... from Neil**

In this week when I will begin my early retirement, I write this letter to you all. I write not just as your departing Headteacher but as someone who has been truly privileged to be part of this incredible school community. The Cedar School will always hold an exceptionally special place in my heart and I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.

When I first arrived at Cedar, it was early in the midst of the Covid pandemic - an incredibly challenging time for everyone. I could not have known then just how much I would come to admire the resilience, kindness and unwavering spirit of our children, young people, parents, carers, families, staff and governors. Through all of the upheavals of Covid, the Cedar community displayed an inspiring determination to support one another. We pulled together, adapted and, most importantly, showed what makes this school so special: our collective commitment to making every moment of every day count for each child and young person.

**To our incredible children and young people:** You are the heart and soul of this school. Your courage, creativity and unique perspectives make every day at Cedar a joy. I am continually amazed by your growth, your curiosity and your ability to persevere through adversity. You should always be very proud of the way that you embrace every opportunity and overcome challenge after challenge with such grace and strength. Thank you for reminding me, every single day, of what true inspiration looks like.

**To our wonderful parents, carers and families:** Your unwavering support is the foundation of Cedar's success. Thank you for trusting us with your children's education and for being so understanding, collaborative and committed to The Cedar School. Your partnership has meant the world to me and I leave knowing that Cedar will continue to thrive because of your dedication.

**To our extraordinary staff:** You are the lifeblood of Cedar. Your passion, talent and hard work make this school a place of opportunity and success. Your contributions are immeasurable. I have always

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*The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people.  
It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.*

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been amazed by your creativity, commitment and by the care you put into your work every single day. It has been an honour to work alongside you and I am deeply grateful for everything that you do to make Cedar such a wonderful place. Thank you, too, for supporting me; your friendship and care have meant more to me than you will ever know.

**To our selfless governors:** Your guidance, vision and commitment to The Cedar School shape the very foundation of our success. Your dedication to making decisions with the best interests of the children and young people at heart is inspiring. Thank you for your leadership and for helping to ensure that Cedar remains a beacon of excellence in special education.

As I step away from my role as Headteacher here - and from almost 30 years as a teacher, adviser and school leader across a number of schools - I know that Cedar School's future is bright. I have full confidence in the exceptional team of children, young people, parents, carers, families, staff and governors who will continue to make this school a place where every child and young person is valued and inspired.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as Headteacher during the latest chapter of Cedar's history. I leave with countless memories of the incredible work we have done together. Thank you to every one of you for being a part of this journey and for making Cedar School a truly exceptional place.

I wish all of you - children, young people, parents, carers, families, staff and governors - nothing but happiness, success and fulfilment in everything that lies ahead.

With heartfelt thanks, warmest wishes and with my love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Neil Revell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'N' and 'R'.

Neil Revell  
Headteacher