



Tollbar MAT

Family of Academies

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To: All MAT and Academy Staff

Dear Colleagues

I wanted you to be informed before it becomes general knowledge that I will be retiring at the end of October 2020.

I handed in my resignation to the Directors last December (2019), so that they had over 10 months to appoint my replacement.

At the end of October 2020 I will have been at Tollbar for over 30 years, starting here as the Head of Tollbar School in April 1990.

It has been an amazing and rewarding 30 years and I want to thank you all for your support, commitment, professionalism and friendship.

Together, we have turned Tollbar into one of the largest and most outstanding educational establishments in the country, and created a Multi Academy Trust based on its educational philosophy and total commitment to delivering life changing opportunities for its students.

Tollbar MAT, over the last 10 years, has transformed eight failing establishments into seven well-resourced, refurbished establishments where the students have every opportunity for success, and parents are keen for their children to attend.

I have had to manage many dramatic events in the course of my 47-year career in teaching; only one more traumatic than the current Covid-19 pandemic.

I am really pleased that I have still been here to work with you through, what I trust, is the worst of the current situation.

I will enjoy working with you until the end of October and wish you all individually every professional success for the future and personal health and happiness.

Kindest regards.

Yours faithfully

Mr D J Hampson, OBE
Chief Executive Officer

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