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Dear Family, Friends and Colleagues,

This, being my last letter as Headteacher at Mossbrook, will be different to my usual end of term newsletter. I have been Headteacher at Mossbrook for over five years. This is the longest job that I have had in my 30 year teaching career and the only school where I have worked twice, having been Deputy Headteacher for 3 years from 2007 to 2010. It is a very special place to work.

Like many public services, nothing stands still in education. There have been many changes to curriculum, assessment, strategies and funding. The demand for places in specialist provision has increased and has caused (and is continuing to cause) a significant rise in our population. In spite of what is going on outside school, the heart of the job remains the same. You entrust us with your children and we get to know them and work with you to help them reach their potential, learning to communicate, make choices and be independent. This is why I have enjoyed this job so much.

The school team do a really good job of helping the children to grow. As a school we could not do this without your support. It is this support that has enabled the staff team at Mossbrook to do the job that they do. Thank you for this.

I know that the school will be in good hands with Jo Harrison, the new Headteacher. She has worked hard to get to know the children, staff and the way that the school works. Mossbrook will continue to do really well under her leadership.

As I move onto the next phase in my career I will not miss the external change and challenges. However, I will miss the children and seeing how well they do from the work that the team put in at Mossbrook.

Thank you for trusting us with your children.

Yours sincerely,

*Dean Linkhorn*

Headteacher