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‘Educating the mind without educating the heart, is no education at all’

Aristotle

Dear Colvestone families both past and current it is time to write to you with a sadness in my heart informing you that this will be my final term with you here at Colvestone.

It has been a wonderful 12 year journey here and I feel happy and proud of the sense of community we have all worked together to create. We have a unique presence in Hackney and I hope this lasts long after my departure; what we have is special, embedded and I hope it will be celebrated for a long time to come.

We have a school curriculum which celebrates the rich diversity of the school and enables the children to not only see themselves but how they fit into their local community, the country they reside in and the wider world; their heritage and that of the school is celebrated throughout the school year.

Our last set of published data in 2019 saw our KS2 standards well above national attainment levels and our current year 6 cohort have worked hard so we are hopeful we can continue this positive story for the school. Our youngest pupils are also well on track to do well in their phonics and KS1 tests too. This is testament to all the support you have shown towards me and my leadership of the school over the years; working together we have ensured all Colvestone pupils are ready for the next stages of their academic journeys.

‘Only the educated are free’

Epictetus

Since coming to Colvestone in 2010, I have been inspired and driven to give the children the best possible memories of their time in primary school. From developing and appointing great practitioners, to the creation of a new art room, a music room, a well-being studio, new reception classroom, a drama studio, making the playground a fun place to be, providing wholesome and healthy meals....your children being at the centre of all decisions has made Colvestone a fabulous place to work in and I am proud to have been able to serve the Colvestone community for this period of time.

You will also know that the last couple of years have been turbulent and heavy at times. Being back at Colvestone this academic year renewed an energy for me and reignited my passion for education. Your unwavering support, recognition of the improvements, smiles and chats at the school gate in the morning has touched a place in my heart and you will always be and remain a very special community to me. It is now time however, to move on.

I will be moving to build a new life and share my professional expertise at the international school in the Seychelles. This is not something I planned to do in my wildest dreams but it is an opportunity of a lifetime that I feel I must seize.

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'

Nelson Mandela

During my final weeks here you have my complete assurance that I will continue to work with and for your children with commitment, energy and a lot of fun. I will be working with the governing body to ensure the best transition possible is made for Colvestone to secure its future and they will be writing to you separately, please find the letter attached.

With my warmest and sincerest wishes always

Caroline King
Executive Headteacher