

It is with a mixture of sadness and happiness that I have made the decision to retire as Headteacher of Northwold Primary School as of September this year.

I have been a Headteacher since 1999 and I have had the privilege of leading two schools of high standing. I was the founder Headteacher of Betty Layward and I have watched with immense pride as Northwold School has gone from being one of the lowest performing to one the highest performing schools in the country

My decision to retire from headship has been carefully planned over the past year, ensuring a succession plan that will secure the leadership and continued success of the school. I am ready to embrace working a shorter week as the Executive Principal and CEO of Amaya Trust. Northwold School is in a position of strength and we have the capacity to share what we are doing with other schools. In my new role I will be leading that work, mentoring our new Headteacher, Shelly-Ann Goulbourne, and developing the Amaya Trust. This is an exciting time for me and Northwold School to grow even stronger and I am looking forward to having the time to widen my interests beyond headship

I want to thank everyone at Northwold including parents, teachers and, of course, children for all of their support and enthusiasm. I am enormously proud of everything that the school has achieved over the past 9 years and I shall miss working with such a wonderful team.

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