

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

Firstly a huge welcome back to everyone and especially those who are starting at Brine Leas school for the first time. I hope that everyone is ready and raring to go after a wonderfully hot, long summer.

I am writing to inform you of my intention to retire from my post as Headteacher of Brine Leas School at the start of 2019. Technically I hold two roles - Headteacher at Brine Leas and Chief Executive Officer of the MAT. I do intend to continue as Chief Executive Officer of the Brine Multi Academy Trust and, given that there is only one school in the MAT at the moment, this will be done on a part time basis. It is the intention of the Trust and Local Governing Board to appoint a new Head of School.

In 1994 I started at Brine Leas County High School, as Head of Humanities. At that time we were a maintained school in Cheshire. In January 2000 I became Deputy Headteacher and in September 2007 Headteacher. I have been privileged to have been Headteacher for the last 11 years and I will leave with many fond memories of my time in this post. I must firstly thank all of the Governors for putting their faith and trust in me and hope that I have repaid their confidence in continuing to lead the school through such turbulent, challenging and uncertain times educationally, politically and financially. There has certainly never been a dull moment.

I have complete confidence in the Trust, along with our Local Governing Board in making an outstanding appointment for my successor. The Trustees and Governors have known of my decision for some time and are very keen to ensure a smooth transfer of leadership with the least disruption to the school. They know exactly what it needs to ensure that Brine Leas remains a warm, happy, friendly and very 'special' place for pupils to thrive, flourish and excel.

I have thoroughly enjoyed every one of my night on 25 years at Brine Leas. It has been both exciting and very rewarding. Over that period of time we have achieved much with the support of a happy, committed and highly professional staff, and an outstanding leadership team. It is wonderful to be leaving on a high, with possibly the school's best ever set of results, following the hard work of students of staff in 2018.

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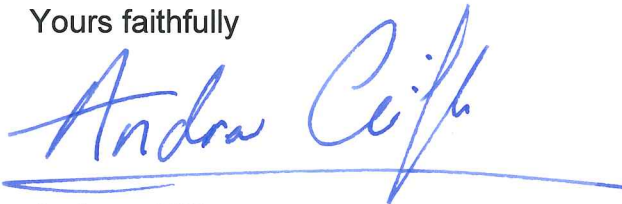


The first time that a student told me that I had taught their mum it came as surprise; it now has become the 'norm' and it remains special to me that families continue to support the school and I see some children who remind me so much of their parents.

On a day to day basis I will miss everything about the school – your wonderful children who engage me with their amazing contributions, good humour and achievements; you, the parents who have been so supportive of our developments, and of course the outstanding staff and governing body. I feel I will be passing Brine Leas over to a new Head of School in a very positive and healthy position.

As CEO I hope to be able to grow the MAT and to ensure that schools within the MAT, including Brine Leas, all fulfil their potential. Thank you all once again for all your friendship and support, having the belief in me, and enabling me to end my career as Headteacher on such a positive note.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Cliffe  
Headteacher