

Ref: LL/KH

Date: 11 February 2026

Dear parents and guardians,

It is with very mixed emotions that I share the news I will be finishing as Headteacher of Pathways Learning Centre (PLC) at the end of Term 4 (31 March 26). I will be taking up the role of Director of Education for Enable Trust. However, I am also delighted to share with you that Dan Walton, the current Deputy Headteacher of PLC, has been appointed as the new Headteacher from 1st April 2026.

I have been Headteacher of PLC for the last 12 years, and Dan and I have worked together as Head and Deputy for the last 10 of those years. I hope you will be as reassured as I am by Dan's appointment, as I know that Dan will continue the focus of our work, which drives us to support the incredible pupils that we have the privilege of supporting at PLC.

PLC has been my second family for the past 12 years. In that time, I hope I have shown the commitment parents, pupils and staff would expect of a Headteacher, and I have done my very best to lead PLC with integrity and care. I have taken immense joy in our shared successes and the challenges we've overcome together along the way. Serving as Headteacher at PLC, has been the greatest privilege of my professional career and I'd like to thank you all for the support you have given us, as past or present parents, throughout this time.

As Director of Education for Enable Trust, I will still be connected to PLC, albeit from a distance. My new role will involve working with all the Headteachers, including the new PLC Head, to drive school improvement across the schools in the Trust. I will also continue to lead on the Alternative Provision (AP) strategy, ensuring I can support the new Headteacher in maintaining a strong focus on what is best for PLC.

With my very best wishes to you all.



Louise Leader
Headteacher