

# Reading Early Years Schools Federation

A federation of Blagdon, Caversham and New Bridge Nursery Schools

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I am writing to let you know that I will be stepping down from my role as Executive Headteacher at the end of this academic year.

This has not been an easy decision, as it has been an enormous privilege to lead such a wonderful group of nursery schools and work with so many dedicated staff, children, and families. Bringing together Blagdon, New Bridge, and Caversham Nursery School into one strong and successful federation has been the proudest achievement of my career.

Creating this federation was about more than just joining schools — it was about building a shared vision, strengthening collaboration, and ensuring the highest quality of education and care for all our children. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together and the strong, nurturing, and inclusive learning environments that have flourished as a result.

It has been an honour to work with such talented and passionate teams across all three schools. Their unwavering commitment to the children and families we serve is truly inspiring. I am confident that the federation will continue to go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

The Governing Body has already begun the search for a strong and passionate new Executive Headteacher to lead the federation into its next chapter. We are committed to finding the right person for this important role and will keep you updated throughout the process.

I want to sincerely thank you — our families — for your support, trust, and partnership throughout my time as Executive Headteacher. It has been a joy to be part of your children's early education journeys, and I will carry many special memories with me.

We will be in touch again before the end of the year with further details and to say a proper goodbye.

With warmest wishes,

**Joanne Budge**

**Executive Headteacher**

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