



## FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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10 October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Sara Hassell**

I am writing to let you know that, after a huge amount of thought and careful consideration, Sara Hassell has decided not to return to Fairlands after her recent illness.

Sara is doing really well and is recovering steadily, but the time away from work has given her the opportunity to focus on herself (for once!) and she has realised that she needs to prioritise family commitments at the moment.

Sara has made an exceptional contribution to the life and community of Fairlands over the last nine years. I remember when Sara first came to meet with me in 2007, to suggest that Fairlands took part in a small project that she was leading to work on bullying. Once that project ended, we realised that there was a much bigger need to be met and Sara's role grew and grew over the following years! Many, many families have benefitted from her support and advice, making a massive difference to the lives of hundreds of children. Staff have also appreciated her listening ear and she will be greatly missed.

I know that many of you will want to contribute to a leaving gift for Sara. Please could you pass any donations to the school office by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

We will also be holding a short 'send-off' for Sara from 2.30pm – 3.15pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, in the Upper Hall, where we will give her our gifts and show our appreciation and say goodbye.

**Robert Staples**  
**HEADTEACHER**

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Headteacher: Mr Robert Staples BA (Hons)