



22nd April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that I will be leaving Ark Helenswood at the end of the summer term and relocating to Birmingham with my family.

My husband has secured a new job in Birmingham leading a multi academy trust and I will be taking up a headship at Shenley Academy. Whilst I'm sad to be leaving, it is a happy time for me. I am pleased that after 10 years with my husband splitting his time living between Hastings and London for his work, that we will now be able to spend more time together as a family in Birmingham.

After 7 years as Headteacher of Ark Helenswood, you will know that I feel hugely passionate about our school and I'm immensely proud of what has been accomplished by everyone so far. We are the best secondary school in Hastings and my successor will continue to build on the strengths and the great progress we have made so far, supporting our pupils in academic excellence. Please find attached a copy of the letter received following our OfSTED monitoring visit last week. The letter clearly outlines the progress made to date, and we are justifiably proud of this, whilst remaining clear that there is still more that can be achieved.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the school community well and to say that we are moving forward quickly with the recruitment of my replacement.

We will be advertising the position this week in the hope to secure a new Headteacher for the start of the next academic year.

With my very best wishes,

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lucy Monk
Principal



PRINCIPAL: Lucy Monk