

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)and Students,

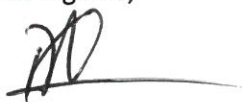
I write to you all on a personal level to inform you that, after much thought and deliberation, I have informed the chair and vice chair of governors and Stuart Jones (CEO SSMAT) of my intention to retire as Headteacher of CTTC at the end of this academic year (31/08/19). You will appreciate that this was a very difficult decision for me to make but following some news from my doctor in December (nothing sinister but something that will require some significant life style changes and a reduction in stress levels) I know that I will not be able to serve the school as effectively as I want to. Retirement, therefore, felt like the right decision to make, both for my longer term health and more importantly on behalf of CTTC and its students. I wanted you all to hear this directly from me rather than via the grapevine, hence this letter being sent to you.

I am sorry if this decision comes as a surprise or shock to any of you (many may be dancing with glee!) but I hope that by making a clean, clear and early decision I have given the school ample opportunity to instigate a robust process to recruit my successor. The SSMAT and CTTC Governors have already held initial discussions and I will keep you informed of decisions that they make in the coming weeks.

When I leave in the summer I will have been a teacher at CTTC for 13 years – just over 10 years as Deputy Head and just under 3 years as Headteacher. Although this is premature and I will say my proper farewells nearer to the time, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the community of Burntwood over this time. CTTC is a fantastic school and a real pleasure to work in. I am, for the time being, anxious to maintain the status quo and continue to fully support all our students, staff and parents/carers with as little disruption as possible.

I assure you all of my best efforts and attention for the remaining 7 months of my tenure as Headteacher.

Kind regards,



Tim Chamberlin

