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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving Raine's at the end of this term. I require some long awaited surgery and will be using the summer term to facilitate my recovery.

I will be returning to Tower Hamlets in September when I take up my new post as Head teacher of the Pupil Referral Unit.

The Governing Body have appointed Mr Hullett, one of the schools very experienced Deputy Head teachers, as Interim Head teacher for the remainder of 2016.

The Governing Body and staff are working hard to build on the improvements made in recent years. This summer's examination results are expected to improve further and I wish Year 11 and 13 well in the coming months as they prepare for their examinations.

As we move towards the Easter Break, can I make clear again that the school has a **legal right** to keep children in detention and to search children. It is essential that all parents support the school in improving behaviour.

Parents tell me they want to be able to contact their children on their mobile phones outside of the school day. For this reason our rule on mobile phones is '**off and out of sight**' (NB: Mobile phones can be used by Years 9-11, but only OUTSIDE in the playground) rather than a total ban on their possession in school. If we see or hear your child's mobile phone, we will exercise our **legal right to confiscate it** and for repeat offenders retain the phone until we have met with you, which is by appointment.

A small number of parents have arrived at reception without an appointment demanding the return of their child's mobile, occasionally in an angry way, we expect better support than this. Mobile phones are a distraction in school and need to be kept off and out of sight. If we continue to see and hear phones being used in the school we will adopt a **total ban** on phones, inside or outside, in common with many local schools. I would be grateful if you will emphasise this point to your child.

Yours sincerely

John Bradshaw
Headteacher

