

After 30 years working in Catholic education in Birmingham, the time has come for me to retire from my post as Director of Education at the Diocesan Education Service at the end of the year. This will allow me, after a long and busy career, to relax and enjoy more time with friends and family.

I have loved my work throughout the past 30 years and especially the people I have worked with. I have always considered it an honour and privilege to work in Catholic education which has always been my vocation. With this in mind I hope to be able to continue to serve Catholic education in the future, in whatever way I can as a volunteer.

During the past 6 years the DES has achieved so much in terms of its mission and aims. It takes a great team to be able to do this, and I have been so blessed with the DES team that I have worked with during this time. I am most grateful to Canon Jonathan Veasey, as the Lead Trustee for Education, who has been invaluable in terms of his pastoral support as well as his wisdom and wealth of experience in all matters concerning Catholic education.

It just remains for me to thank you all for the tremendous work you continue to do in our Catholic schools across the archdiocese, and to thank you for all the support that you have given the DES over the past 6 years.

God bless you all,

Adam Hardy

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