



St. Michael's Catholic Primary Academy & Nursery

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Principal Mrs C. Williams

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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that I will relinquish my duties as the Principal of St. Michael's Catholic Primary Academy & Nursery, with my retirement commencing with effect from 31 December 2014.

I have served as the Headteacher of St. Michael's for some 20 years and the school, its pupils and staff members both past and present will always hold a special place in my heart. I have been truly privileged to be the leader of this Catholic school, and have enjoyed my time here immensely. The school has been a major part of my life and I would not have had it any other way. I have been very fortunate to have the opportunity to work for the good of your children (who are wonderful), for their parents (who have always been so supportive of the school) and for the parish community that the school serves.

I will be leaving St. Michael's at a time when the school is in a good place and is ready to take the next steps that it will now make to become not only good, but to be considered to be an outstanding school and a truly wonderful place for your children to be.

This year's end of Key Stage assessments indicates that the school is attaining above national expected markers in terms of both attainment and progress of pupils, with our Key Stage 2 outcomes being particularly impressive in terms of the school's position against national benchmarks. We are all very pleased with the outcomes for the children of St. Michael's, and these successes will stand the school in good stead for on-going improvements that are already being lead forward by myself, Mrs McHale and staff within the school.

I am sure that many parents will have already begun to think that my retirement would not be too far away. Indeed I taught some of the parents of this school when I first entered the teaching profession as a newly qualified teacher, known then by my maiden name (Miss Ennis). A number of my former pupils now being in their 30's have their own children attending St. Michael's Academy as one of our pupils, (it is a great joy to see the children of the children I first taught now progressing through the school).

The school has changed over the years, but the one thing that has not is that Christ has always been, and will always be, at the centre of all that we do as we celebrate the unique contribution that each one of us makes to our school community. My own contribution to

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the development of St. Michael's school is added to the contributions that have been made by those that have supported the improvement of the school, over the years since the school opened its doors to pupils. My personal and special thanks must go to Mr Clarke; St. Michael's first Headteacher who together with the school's Governing body of the day chose to appoint me to become a newly qualified teacher at St. Michael's school in 1974.

Those people who appointed me and nurtured my professional development in the early years of my teaching career opened up career opportunities that led me back to St. Michael's door to become its Headteacher in 1994. I am immensely grateful to all who have worked alongside me as colleagues, to parents, but most particularly to the pupils who have brought so much joy into my professional career. Teaching your children really has been the best job in the world.

Well for the remainder of the term it will be business as usual, and I return to my duties having informed you of my decision to retire knowing that the Directors of the Bishop Clearly Multi Academy will be busy ensuring that the best possible appointment for my successor is made.

I wish the Academy, its children, staff, parents and Academy committee members every success in the future and God's great blessings as you journey onwards together.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Williams

