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We follow in Christ's footsteps

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Dear Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to share with you my intention to take early retirement at the end of this academic year.

Having served as part of this wonderful school community since January 2008, it has been an absolute privilege to work alongside you and your children. St Patrick's has been much more than a workplace to me; it has been a family.

It has been wonderful to see so many young people grow and flourish over the years.

I have been incredibly fortunate to have worked with, and continue to work with, dedicated and immensely talented staff who give their all every day because they love this school, and the people in it, as much as I do. Their work ethic is unwavering.

I have also had the honour of working with fantastic governors who have given their time and support so generously. Their steadfast guidance and ambition for St Patrick's have been vital to the school's continued success and to ensuring that our mission and values remain at the heart of all we do.

Strong and enduring links with our parish have also been a source of great strength and encouragement.

I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the partnership we have shared in supporting every child to feel valued, known and encouraged to reach their full potential.

I look forward to the opportunities and adventures that my retirement will bring. Please be assured, however, that the remainder of this academic year will be devoted to ensuring continuity, stability and the very best for our whole school community. I am working closely with our Trust to ensure a smooth transition and further information will be shared shortly.

Schools are never places where you have time to sit back and I know my last months at St Patrick's will be as busy as ever!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Burgess
Headteacher

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