



**Longlands Primary School**

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**Reference: Update from Headteacher**

Dear Parent/Carers

I write to inform you that after a wonderful teaching career, 20 years of which have been at Longlands as both a teacher and the Headteacher, I will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

Throughout my career, I have been very fortunate to work with many brilliant and dedicated teachers and some wonderfully talented students and none more so than here at Longlands. It has been a privilege to lead such an amazing school and I will miss working with such a great group of staff, students and you as a community.

It has always been a joy coming to work and there is not a day goes by when I do not get to see the talents, skills and enthusiasm of our students in some way or another. It has been a privilege to watch your young people growing and developing in confidence, achieving their potential, and becoming responsible and independent young citizens and it has been a great pleasure to contribute to making this happen for so many Longlands students.

We have a great deal to do over the next term to ensure that our current group of students achieves as well as so many that have gone before. I can assure you that we are all completely focussed on making this happen and, whilst a change of Headteacher can be unsettling, I will be focussed on ensuring that we continue to provide the high standard of education that you, as parents, would expect from us.

The governors are determined to ensure that we have a period of stability as we plot our way through any potential changes and the Trust hopes to appoint a new Headteacher by the end of the school year.

I look forward to seeing you at the various events that will take place between now and the end of the academic year and I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Kind regards,

Zillah Cope