

Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

This is to inform you that both I and Mrs Roberts will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We have been privileged to be the Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher of St Bede since 1992 and 1979 respectively, and more latterly C.E.O. and C.O.O. of St Bede CE Primary MAT.

In 2014 I was honoured to receive an OBE for my services to education, which was a tribute not only to myself but to my teams at St Bede.

We have both loved every aspect of our roles within St Bede and we shall sorely miss it. My health is no longer as robust as it was and I feel that now is the right time for me to retire, although I will be supporting the MAT in a quality assurance role during the transition period, alongside Mrs Roberts.

I also want to say how proud I am of having welcomed Tonge Moor Primary Academy into the Multi Academy Trust in November 2018 and I have been amazed at the commitment of staff at the school to support the children in our care.

There are far too many people who have supported me in my role to name personally, but I would like to extend my thanks to all those staff who believed in, and were instrumental in, creating the Multi Academy Trust.

We are confident that the right person will be in place to ensure our goals and high standards of education and care will continue in the future. We have a robust recruitment strategy in place to ensure this happens. I will be working closely with Mike Caine, our Chair of Directors throughout this process.

I am confident in the leadership teams at both schools that they will continue to deliver tangible improvements in all areas.

Finally, I am proud of the achievements of those who have worked so hard in supporting me with their dedication to ensure that children educated at both St Bede and Tonge Moor have the tools they need to become model citizens of the future.

I will, of course, keep you all updated with developments as they occur.

With very best wishes,



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