

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Dear Parents,

After 21 years, nine of them as Headteacher, Mrs Ridley has decided to submit her resignation letter to the Board of Governors due to ill health. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to express my gratitude for Mrs Ridley's long service and commitment to St Joseph's Catholic School.

Mrs Ridley was a highly respected and supportive Headteacher, always willing to dedicate her time to the needs of the school community. Her deep commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment has been consistently demonstrated. Mrs Ridley genuinely cared about the well-being and success of every pupil, going above and beyond to support their academic and personal growth. Her dedication to building positive relationships with students, staff, and parents is commendable and has contributed to a positive and inclusive school culture.

As Headteacher, Mrs Ridley gave her all to ensure that pupils in her care received the best education possible. She exemplified the notion of Christian leadership and remains a loyal and committed servant of the school.

As we begin the recruitment process for a new headteacher, I am delighted to announce that Mr John McParland will remain Interim Headteacher until a successful candidate is appointed. With the senior leadership team and a dedicated staff body, I am confident that St Joseph's School will continue to grow and develop in the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Maher

Chair of Governors