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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important news regarding my role here at Gisburn Road.

After much reflection and with mixed emotions, I am writing to inform you of my decision to begin a phased retirement starting September 2024. This decision has been made with approval of the Governing Body. This transition marks a significant step in my professional journey and I am grateful for all the support and trust you have placed in me throughout 12 years as Headteacher.

Starting in September, I will be stepping into a co-headship role alongside Mrs Laura Toor, we have worked closely together for the past 9 years as Head and Deputy Headteacher. Together, we are committed to ensuring a seamless transition and continuing to uphold the high standards that define our school community.

This phased retirement allows me to work three days a week, Monday – Wednesday. During this period Mrs Toor will remain Deputy Headteacher. On Thursday and Friday I will not be in school and Mrs Toor will become Headteacher for the 2 days. This ensures continuity and stability for our children, staff, and families. Other than reducing the number of days I work, I have no further plans, at this stage, to retire fully.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your continued support and collaboration. It continues to be an honour and privilege to be part of our school community. I look forward to this next chapter with a sense of excitement and optimism for the future of our school. I am sure you would want to all join me in congratulating Mrs Toor for securing the post of Co-Headteacher!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Your feedback and input are invaluable as we navigate this transition together.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Nicola Walker
Headteacher

