

4th December 2023

Dear Parents and pupils,

I am writing to inform you that I have made the decision to retire at the end of the summer term, August 2024. I may continue to work part time in various roles when I finish but I can assure you that the majority of my time will be spent on the golf course and with my family.

I have been thinking about this for some time and have been planning, with trustees and the leadership team to ensure that the school, the staff and the pupils are in the best place that they can be when I leave.

Trustees have permitted a secondment for me for the spring term, to be an Ofsted inspector full time for the 12 week term. The current leadership team will have shared responsibility for the running of the school, in their respective areas of expertise. During that time the very committed and diligent group of trustees are determined to find a highly effective headteacher for September 2024. I am confident they will be successful.

I will return for the summer and I continue to work to the best of my ability in support of your children.

The school has changed immensely over the 7 years I have been here and the numbers in that time have doubled. I am very proud of what we have all achieved in that time. I am extremely disappointed to be retiring without the extension and hall project to have at least started, but sadly the pandemic and the recent concrete issues in schools nationally has not helped our situation.

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support over the years, Knightsfield is a great school because of your fantastic efforts.

I know that you will continue to give that support to my successor, whoever that may be. I have no doubt that Knightsfield will go from strength to strength, and I look forward to hearing about the continued evolution of the school.

Yours sincerely



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