



William Gilbert Endowed (Church of England)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Tomorrow, I will close the chapter on my leadership of William Gilbert Primary School. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the community of Duffield as Headteacher, and I will retire with many fond memories of pupils and their families, past and present.

Our Easter Service yesterday, showed William Gilbert pupils at their absolute best. The journey from Reception to Year 6 is a transformation from young, shy four year olds in Reception to blossoming, confident, mature Year 6 pupils. I could not be more proud of them.

William Gilbert School has been my world since 1991. Over time I have built the current, amazing staff team around me, and they have been instrumental in the school's success. It will be very hard to say goodbye and leave them and the children behind, but none of them will ever be far from my thoughts.

With a stable, skilled and wise staff by her side, I know that the school is in very safe hands as I pass the baton of headship onto Mrs Helen Britten.

Parents, I thank you for supporting your children's journey, for your honesty and openness when you wanted to discuss your opinions, and for supporting the variety of school events we engage with. I trust you will remain just as supportive, as the school transitions through a period of change.

My best wishes to you, your children and my staff team for the future. I will be following with interest, and hope to be able to come back to help from time to time.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher

