

18th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that I am planning to retire this school year. It has been a difficult decision as I love being part of Kilmorie and it is a huge privilege to be the head teacher of such a wonderful school. After much thought and discussion with my family, it seems like the right time to move on to a new phase of my life. I look forward to renewing my enthusiasm for painting and having more time with my family. I will continue to have a deep interest in education which has been a passion since I first trained as a teacher in 1985.

My intention is to retire at Easter but this will be dependent on the outcome of the recruitment process. I will continue until the summer if that is necessary. I am very confident that the governing body will make a great appointment and although change can cause anxiety, it is also exciting to think how a new head teacher will further enhance the education of our Kilmorie children.

As well as my retirement, I also want to let you know that Maria, Deputy Head, will be retiring at Christmas. Maria will be moving to Scotland next year to embark on new ventures. Maria has been at Kilmorie for 22 years and throughout this time has never stinted from her commitment to the well-being and education of Kilmorie children.

I am delighted that from January, Emanuela and Kate will step up to be acting deputy heads until further notice. I have every confidence that, along with the rest of the senior leadership team (Daisy, Lisa and Julia) they will provide stability in this time of change.

I will not be telling the children formally yet about Maria or myself as they will think it is immediate and I would rather do this nearer the time.

I still have many plans and ambitions for Kilmorie and until I leave, I will continue to be committed to Kilmorie providing the best possible education for your children.

Yours faithfully,



Liz Stone
Head Teacher