



**Wibsey Primary School**  
**North Road, Bradford, BD6 1RL**  
**Headteacher: Mr N M Cooper**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Important Information**

I write to inform you of some temporary changes in school leadership. From Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May (when we break up for the half term holidays) I will be stepping aside from school for a period, and Mrs Yates will be Acting Headteacher when school returns on the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

I have been a Headteacher for 19 years, with 12 of those years at Wibsey Primary School. I have always felt that at the end of the day, however the school is doing rests on my shoulders. Whatever happens, big or small, is ultimately my responsibility. When we do well we rightly celebrate the team effort, when things go wrong I rightly carry the can. At points over this long period this has been wearing.

We have all had a challenging time over the Covid pandemic, but I can only really speak to my own experiences. It has been the most challenging period of my career – and it has been a long career with many challenges. It started with battling the LA 14 months ago when I thought decisions were not being taken in the best interests of your children, and I have felt an overwhelming responsibility for keeping our children, you and our wider community safe. We have worked in the best way we can although this has been at the expense of some of the other things we would like to do.

The Governing Body have agreed with my request for a Sabbatical (period of extended leave) for me to focus on other areas of my life. This should enable me to return refreshed either in October or December and continue for a good few years more as Headteacher, rather than to stop doing a job that I love in a school that I love. I see this as a really positive step.

In my absence the school will be superbly led forwards by the current Leadership Team, with Mrs Yates as Acting Headteacher. It will be a great development opportunity for all the staff involved.

I look forward to returning and continuing our journey as Team Wibsey at some point in the Autumn Term, and thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Nigel M Cooper  
Headteacher – Team Wibsey