



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to inform you that Ian Wilson has taken the decision to retire as Headteacher of Little Ilford School at Christmas. He said: "This has not been an easy decision to make, as I have been the headteacher here for eight years and a teacher in Newham since 1999 and feel part of the community. But it is the right time for me to move into a new phase of my life. I have greatly appreciated all the support that I have had from parents and carers, and I know I will miss you all.

"However, I won't be leaving for another nine months. I have given the school plenty of notice so that the governors have the option of appointing an existing headteacher (for whom the notice period is 4 months), if they wish, and even running a second appointment process if necessary. You will, of course, be kept informed of what is happening."

Chair of Governors Simon Mares thanked Mr Wilson for his work at Little Ilford and, while understanding his reasons for retiring, was sorry to see him leave us. The school has developed greatly in the last eight years under Mr Wilson's leadership, moving into a new school building as well as improving the curriculum and learning offered to our pupils.

In the meantime, there will be a lot of work to do. We will be ensuring that the students recover as much learning as possible following the lockdown, that the expanded year 7 in September are inducted and settled into Little Ilford and that the building work is managed successfully and safely.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Wilson and Simon Mares

“... an excellent ambassador for community cohesion within the locality - OFSTED ”

