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St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School



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**BISHOP
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Head Teacher: Ruth Whyte

Monday 15th January 2024

Dear parent and carer,

After spending 33 wonderful years in education, I have made the very difficult decision to retire at the end of this current academic year. I have loved my 10 years working as Headteacher at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School however I feel that the time is right to spend more time with my family.

I have been very fortunate and privileged to work with many wonderful children, staff, governors and parents over the years at St Joseph's. The school thoroughly deserved its fabulous Catholic Schools Inspection Report in June where it was reported that:

'The school motto, 'Walk in the Light of Christ', permeates school life and is a touchstone which inspires children to take positive action to help others. There is a well-developed sense of community where all are valued'.

The recruitment for the new Headteacher will be led by Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust Senior Leadership alongside Hexham and Newcastle Diocese and you will be kept updated with the outcomes of this process.

Finally, I wish to say a huge thank you to all parents, carers, staff and governors for the support and friendship I have received over the years. I will miss you all, particularly the happy, smiling faces of the children and the laughter we share every day.

I wish the school the very best for the future, and you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ruth Whyte

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