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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of my intention to retire from my post as Headteacher of The King's School at the end of this academic year. It has been a privilege to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school, after a long-standing career in teaching and leadership both here and elsewhere in Wakefield LA. I will be leaving with many fond memories of my time here.

I would like to thank the Governors for putting their faith and trust in me on my appointment and hope that I have repaid their confidence in continuing The King's journey to 'Outstanding' in such turbulent, challenging and uncertain times in education. There has certainly never been a dull moment - I have enjoyed almost every one of them!

To lead the School on its improvement journey in recent years has been exciting, challenging and rewarding. I have been fortunate to work with the support of highly committed and professional staff, including an excellent Leadership Team and Governing Body.

Of the many things I will miss about the school, it is our pupils I will miss the most; they make me smile, laugh and fret on a daily basis - thankfully more the first two than the last! They continue to delight and amaze me with their talents, achievements and thoughtfulness towards each other. Thanks to you also, our parents and carers, for your continuing support and your work in partnership with us to ensure your child's happiness and success.

The Pontefract Academies Trust (PAT) are now working to ensure a smooth transition to the next phase of The School. The intention is to appoint a Head of School for September 2017 who will be supported by executive leadership from the PAT.

I consider myself fortunate in that I still love my job and that my passion and enthusiasm for raising standards in teaching have not waned. I am pleased to be able to hand over the reins at a time when the School is in a very positive and healthy position, educationally, academically and financially and I will maintain a keen interest in the future education and welfare of the children of Pontefract.

Thank you all once again for all your friendship and support, having the belief in me, and enabling me to end my career on such a positive note.

Warmest regards

Barbara Tibbetts
Headteacher

Central to the values of The King's School is a commitment to the safeguarding and protection of young people.

