

04 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with regret that I write to inform you that after 5 years, Cath Palmer will be leaving her role as Headteacher at St Paul's CE Primary School. Cath is moving on to an exciting new post as Primary Education Advisor for Bradford Local Authority, working as part of the School Standards and Performance team.

Cath has been a highly effective Head of St Paul's. During her time with us, she has passionately led and supported the staff team, and ensured the continued success and development of our school for both staff and pupils. We are proud to be a part of a school that continues to be highly regarded within the local community.

The Governing Body has started the recruitment process for a new Headteacher. We will be looking for a strong candidate to take over the position. We do however wish to highlight that Cath will continue to lead the school until the end of the summer term, and school life will continue as usual.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank Cath for her hard work, commitment and dedication to the achievements and progress of the children at St Paul's CE Primary School. We are very sorry to lose Cath but we wish her all the best in her new role.

Kind regards

Tracy Isherwood

Chair of Governors

A message from Mrs Palmer:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to say a few words. The decision to leave St Pauls has been a very difficult one.

I have been very privileged to have had the role of Headteacher for a number of years here and I have worked with some fabulous staff, parents and pupils. Together we have been through a lot; Ofsted and SIAMS inspections and not to mention the covid pandemic. Through all of this, the St Paul's community has united and supported one another. It has been challenging at times but we have found strength by building trusting relationships and focusing on our joint purpose.

The St Paul's vision of hoping, trusting, persevering and flourishing is at the core of my professional practice and will continue to be so as I move on to a role where I can guide and support other Bradford Headteachers; impacting on the many pupils and families that they serve.

I will really miss St Paul's and all the fabulous people I have met on my journey.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all the support and dedication you have shown throughout my time as Headteacher and I wish the St Paul's community every success in the future!

Cath Palmer

St Paul's Headteacher