



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know that I will be retiring from my role as Headteacher of West Kirby Primary School at the end of the summer term. This has not been an easy decision to reach, as this wonderful school and its community is so dear to my heart and has been so central to my life throughout the last twelve years.

I began my teaching career way back in the eighties- probably before some of you had even been born! Since then, I have worked in many different schools in different places, but nowhere for as long as I have been at West Kirby Primary School. I feel privileged to have led this wonderful community school since September 2009 and it really has become a home from home...

I am immensely proud of the reputation we have earned for being so caring and friendly; in addition to academic excellence; of an ethos which values each individual child, and strives to bring out the very best in absolutely everyone; that every child really does matter. I have loved watching the development of the children at our school- very many of whom joined us in F1 and continued all the way through to Year 6 and continue to update us on their progress and achievements into adulthood. The children are the centre of our school community- seeing their enthusiasm, energy and lively curiosity are what drives us to want to give more to help each one to grow in confidence, self-belief and to be a happy and successful learner. I feel great pride in the staff and in the journey we have shared together with our families to ensure that the very best interests of the children at our school are at the heart of everything we do and every decision that we take.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, superbly led by Mrs Bailey and Mrs McCann with the support of our highly skilled and committed School Governors, during my absence. I had hoped to be back at school by now- and really hope I will be able to return at some point during the summer term.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you for your support, kind words and encouragement, during my time as Headteacher – they have been much appreciated. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their incredibly hard work stretched beyond impossible limits over the past extraordinary year. May I also thank our dedicated Governors for their great support and commitment throughout my time as Headteacher.

I know the school will continue to thrive in the coming years and look forward to keeping in touch. May I wish you and your children all the very best for a bright and happy future at West Kirby Primary School and beyond.

With warmest wishes

Mrs K Takashima  
Headteacher