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Dear Children, Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

After much reflection over recent months, I have made the heartfelt decision to retire from my role as Headteacher at Gisburn Road from the end of December 2025. After thirteen and a half incredibly special years, it is time for me to begin a new chapter.

It has been the greatest privilege of my career to serve this wonderful school community. I have been truly fortunate to work with an incredibly supportive group of governors, who have always placed the children at the heart of every decision, giving me the support and confidence to make bold choices in the children's best interests.

Over the years I've had the honour of working alongside a dedicated, incredibly skilled and passionate team of teachers and staff. Together, we have built something I believe we can all be proud of – a place where children are nurtured, challenged, and celebrated every single day.

To all of the children over the years-you have been the very best part of this journey. Your curiosity, energy, kindness and humour have inspired and energised me daily. Watching you learn, grow, and flourish has been a constant source of joy and pride and I will always carry your smiles and stories with me.

To all of our parents and carers – thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your unwavering support. You have played such a vital role in making Gisburn Road the warm and welcoming school that is, one where '*Family and Learning*' truly do unite! The sense of community here is something truly special and I feel honoured to have been a part of it.

To all my colleagues past and present: Thank you for all of your team work, dedication and commitment to our children over the years. The children are lucky to have such a caring and dedicated team around them (from the buildings and cleaning team, catering team, office team as well as all the teaching teams). I leave with many happy memories and lasting friendships, it really has been a pleasure to lead you all.

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As I prepare to step down, I do so with a full heart, knowing that Gisburn Road is in a strong position and in safe hands. I know that the school will continue to thrive and I look forward to seeing all that it will achieve in the future.

Thank you once again for allowing me to share in your children's learning journey, for trusting us with your most precious treasures in life (your children), for your support over the years and for making my time at Gisburn Road so unforgettable. Please be assured the school will continue to be steered safely by Mrs Toor and Mrs Bradley.

It has been the greatest honour to lead this school and to have had my moment in time as its headteacher.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes,

Mrs Nicola Walker

Headteacher

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