



**Baildon Church of England Primary School
and Nursery**

27 November 2019

Dear Parent/ Guardian

I am writing to inform you that after 7 years as head teacher of Baildon Church of England Primary School and Nursery, Mrs Connor will be leaving us at the end of this academic year having completed 38 years in teaching to begin her retirement.

Mrs Connor's leadership, her tireless hard work, diligence and commitment have had a huge impact on our school and we have continued to improve in many ways, with academic progress and attainment at the strongest we have seen, our curriculum continuing to grow and develop and more and more children having the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Our recent Excellent SIAMS inspection outcome confirmed that our Christian vision is effective and impactful. Her development and leadership of the Eden Teaching School Alliance has not only shared best practice with other schools but has helped provide a strong financial position for our school. All this has been achieved whilst maintaining the distinctive Christian ethos and vision which makes Baildon what it is and preparing our children for the world they live in and giving them hope for the future.

Whilst the end of the year is some way off and we will have opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Connor nearer the time, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank her for all that she has done for Baildon.

Over the next few weeks the Governing Body will be working with the Diocese of Leeds to start the recruitment process for an outstanding new Headteacher to continue Mrs Connor's work. I will write to you again when there is more to report. In the meantime, should you wish to contact me you can do so via the school office email office@baildonce.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr Graham Kinsley
Chair of Governors

In our school, we celebrate being part of God's family where all respect themselves, others and the world around them. Our vision is to develop a safe, caring community of inspired, resilient lifelong learners with a spirit of curiosity, enabling them to flourish in an ever changing world.