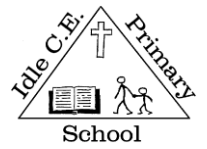




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**"Jesus came  
to give Fullness of Life"**  
John 10 v 10

6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that after 26 years at Idle and 16 years as Head Teacher, John Bowers will be resigning at the end of this academic year. Throughout his time at Idle, Mr Bowers has served our local community and led our school through some incredible changes. He has worked alongside brilliant teachers and has encouraged the children to flourish into confident, happy and successful learners. Mr Bowers has been very grateful for your support and encouragement during his time as Head Teacher. I am sure, like us, that you will be really sad to see him leave, but will wish him all the best for the future.

To enable a smooth transition through this period of change, I am delighted to inform you that following a formal recruitment process, the governors, with support from the diocese, have appointed Rachel Pouncey as the Interim Head Teacher to lead the school from September 2021 for that academic year. Mrs Pouncey is an experienced Deputy Head who has a long association with the school. She will be supported by our strong leadership team and we can be confident that the school will have a successful future under her guidance. Over the next year, the governors will then seek to appoint a permanent Head Teacher.

During this transition time, Mrs Pouncey will continue in the work she has been doing in Mr Bowers' absence, to lead our school on a day to day basis, whilst Mr Bowers concentrates on ensuring that his vast wealth of experience and knowledge is handed over.

I would like to thank you for your support on behalf of all the governors. We know the school will continue to thrive in the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs V Kelly*

Chair of Governors

