

# Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



**Head Teacher: Gillian Powe**

Deputy Head Teacher: Joe Emissah

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Head Teacher Letter No.4/24-25

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you all today to tell you that I have decided to retire from my position as Head Teacher of Bishop Road at the end of this academic year. I have been in this role for 21 years and have seen so very many children enjoy their education at our special community school.

When I was appointed I said I would do my very best to make decisions for the benefit of children and put in place the opportunities for them to learn from quality literature, wide and enjoyable experiences, frequent chances to develop positive characteristics and valuable times to consider their unique contribution to the world. Whilst so many changes have taken place in education, I have endeavoured to maintain these core ideas, and I am delighted to have seen so very many children become a credit to their families and the school. It is always wonderful to hear of their achievements when they return to see us!

It has been a great privilege to have benefitted from so much support and encouragement from the Governing Body, close and extended families, an exceptionally dedicated and professional staff and linked professionals. I would like to thank you all those whose combined efforts have made this phase of the life of Bishop Road so successful and positive for all the children and the community; we have enjoyed many wonderful and special times together.

There will now follow a period until the summer where there are no changes to our usual arrangements or events. The Governing Body will take up their responsibility to appoint a new Head Teacher for the autumn term, a process about which we will all learn more in due course.

I know that we all wish the very best for the school in its future. Our school is in a very strong situation presently and I am sure it will continue to be a place of happiness and learning.

I am very sad to be leaving Bishop Road and all the exceptional people I have met and worked with for such a sustained period. I look forward to seeing you all at the events of the summer, which I know will bring us all great pleasure! Thank you for all your kindness and good will.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gillian Powe".

Gillian Powe  
Head Teacher

