

Parents and Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you following the letter you received yesterday from our Headteacher, Carol Reece, and the news of her retirement at the end of this academic year.


Carol has led St Oswald's with integrity, dedication and care, securing the very highest academic outcomes for your children and ensuring the school's vision of 'inspire, embrace, succeed', is lived out on a daily basis. Both the Ofsted and SIAMS reports for St Oswald's are a testament to her leadership, the strength of our staff group and the desire from your children to learn and achieve.

Carol has also played a significant role across the other fourteen schools in our multi academy trust, working alongside headteachers and leaders in school improvement, coaching and leadership. I know that her passion for education will continue as she takes early retirement and she will give back to the system, sharing her knowledge and expertise.

As a trust, we will now move to the recruitment of a new Headteacher for St Oswald's and will work closely with the Chair of Governors, Jill Withers, and the Local Academy Board as we start the process. I know that Carol will ensure there is a smooth transition as the new Headteacher is appointed, to enable the school to continue its upward trajectory, providing your children with the excellent education they deserve.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support as carers and parents, and as Carol has rightly stated, St Oswald's is a truly remarkable school, and we look forward to its future success.

Yours faithfully



Vicki Shelley

CEO, DoWMAT