

7th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family had a good half-term break and enjoyed whatever you chose to do over the extended Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

I write to inform you that, after 21 years as a senior leader at Wilmslow High School and 8 years as its headteacher, I will be retiring at the end of December 2022.

Teaching is a wonderful vocation. The opportunity to spend one's professional life helping young people grow and develop through their journey from childhood to adulthood is a great privilege. I have been exceptionally fortunate to have done this in a series of wonderful school communities, each with their unique qualities and characters, working with colleagues who strive to pursue excellence for every student, every day.

It has been a particular privilege to serve Wilmslow High School and its wider community as headteacher and I would like to take this moment to thank you for the support that you have given me throughout this time.

Our school is committed to a whole and highly inclusive education that seeks to nurture young people of character, provide them with powerful knowledge and a myriad of enriching experiences. I am very proud of the strong partnerships fostered within and across our local community that have helped us achieve so many of the successes of recent years. Indeed, as we continue on the journey of recovery from the challenges presented by Covid, the concept that "It Takes A Village To Raise a Child" remains in my view a crucial component of schools that wish to have long-term positive impacts on the young people they serve.

Times of transition always bring mixed emotions: excitement at the new opportunities for the school community that may become possible combined with unsettlement as to whether change

may disrupt things which are relied upon. Throughout this process, therefore, please may I assure you that I and the school's senior leaders will remain dedicated to sustaining the high standards of education that you rightly expect us to provide.

Alongside this, the Governing Board will be sharply focused on seeking out and securing for our school a new headteacher with the values, vision and drive to continue the pursuit of excellence for every student, every day. Whoever is appointed to that role will be exceedingly fortunate in the staff they will be working with and in the very able, experienced and committed senior leaders who will support them in leading and managing the school. The Governing Board will keep you fully briefed about the recruitment process.

In the meantime, the daily business of school proceeds as usual and I look forward to my continuing contribution to this work over the next seven months.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. H. Pullé', with a long, sweeping underline stroke extending to the right.

J. H. Pullé

Headteacher