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Dear Parent/Guardian

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I am writing to you to mark a period of change in Dromore Central Primary School. On 29th September, Mrs Allen retires after 10 years as Principal of this school. Her tenure here has been memorable in many ways.

When she arrived the process of building the new school was underway, a project which many of us had been involved with for almost 20 years. Mrs Allen masterminded the logistical nightmare of moving an entire school. Not only the organising of all the physical aspects, but the process of integrating the school membership into the building to form a new community. We opened in August 2016 and on 17th May the then Duchess of Cornwall opened the school.

The years following were filled with tragedy, celebrations, and a pandemic. All of these meant changes which no one had ever expected or trained for. It shows the strength of the school and the family spirit of all who worked through those times.

We can never say that Mrs Allen's years were uneventful. The Board is most grateful to her for her leadership during those 10 years. We wish her a happy retirement full of adventures and new challenges.

Mrs Bentley has been with us as Vice Principal since the beginning of the 2018 academic year. The Board was delighted that she was appointed Principal. She will be joined at the beginning of November by the new Vice Principal Mrs Murray. I know that you will give Mrs Bentley and Mrs Murray your full support as they set out to lead the team.

As governors, we will continue to support the leadership team and to deliver the best possible educational experience for all the children in the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Bland
Chairperson for the Board of Governors