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Dear Parents,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that Mrs Sweetman will be retiring at the end of this school year! Mrs Sweetman wanted to share this news with you in advance, rather than wait until the end of the year.

She has been an integral part of the team here at Irthington for the last 22 years. She and I have worked hard to transform the school during that time. We had just 22 pupils on roll back in 2004 and now we have 66!

Mrs Sweetman has been instrumental in driving the school forward, for example setting up the Nursery, working hard to achieve Fairtrade status for the school, serving on the Governing Board, taking on the role of Educational Visits Coordinator, Modern Foreign Languages specialist, developing the library not to mention touching the lives of so many children and families with her kindness and dedication in providing only the very best for everyone.

Her support of me goes so far above and beyond, and I will truly miss her as a trusted colleague and dear friend.

Joining her husband in retirement has not been an easy decision and as much as she is looking forward to more leisure time, leaving the school will be a wrench. School has been a huge part of her life and she has promised to visit us often at PTA events and accompany us on school visits and the like.

As much as we will all very much miss her, we do wish her every happiness and will always be in her debt for all that she has done for the school. I hope that you will all join me in sending her your appreciation and congratulations on her forthcoming retirement!

Yours sincerely,

*Lynn Harrison*