



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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FAO: Parents / Carers of former William Gilbert Endowed School pupils

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may already be aware, Mrs Whyld, the Headteacher of William Gilbert School, is due to retire at the end of this school term. She has worked at the school since 1991 and became Headteacher in 2003. Her unique dedication to her job has impacted on a huge number of individuals and families, mine included.

There are a number of events taking place to mark her retirement. One of those events includes a 'clap-out' on the junior playground at 3.30pm on Friday 31st March.

We are sure that a number Ecclesbourne students who previous attended William Gilbert would like to show their appreciation and thanks for what she did for them during their time at the school. Therefore, we will allow those students to leave school early (at 3.15pm) to be part of that celebration.

If your son/daughter would like to attend the 'clap-out' please can you email me directly. I will be going along as well to say farewell to Mrs Whyld but students will need to walk up the road by themselves.

My email address is: hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk. Please note that if I am not informed of your child's wish to attend, they will not be allowed to leave Ecclesbourne early for safeguarding reasons.

Kind regards,

Helen Green
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