

# BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

## A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION

I am writing to let you know that Fr. Chris Atkinson, Vicar of the Parish of Bourne, will retire later this month following more than 20 years of dedicated service.

With Fr. Chris's support Bourne Abbey first became a Church school in September 2008 and we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for his commitment to the Christian Distinctiveness of our schools and care of our children and staff since that time - a true 'Agent of Change.'

As Vicar of Bourne and Rural Dean, Fr. Chris has played an integral role in fostering the spiritual growth of our children and has contributed significantly to the overall development of our schools through his role as a Trustee of Abbey Academies Trust.

On behalf of both our Bourne school communities and Abbey Academies Trust, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Fr. Chris for his commitment, compassion and guidance during his tenure. His contributions have touched the lives of countless children and families, leaving a lasting legacy.

We would like his retirement to be truly memorable and plan to mark it with some special gifts.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift you can do so by BACS payment to:

Sort code: 40-12-32  
Account number: 70166251  
Account name: Bourne Parochial Church Council  
Reference: Vicar (it is important to quote this please)

If you would like to send a farewell message to Fr. Chris you can do so by emailing [BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk](mailto:BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk). We will collate the messages we receive in a scrapbook for him.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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