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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I am writing to share some personal news with you.

After nearly 36 very happy and fulfilling years working at this wonderful school, I have taken the decision to step down from my role as Principal at the end of this term.

This has not been an easy decision to make; this school has been such a huge part of my life. I have had the privilege of working with generations of children and families and it has been an absolute honour to serve this community for so many years. I feel incredibly proud of the school we have built together and all that it has achieved. It is such a special place, shaped by the dedication, care and commitment of so many. I am truly grateful to all the staff and governors for their unwavering support, hard work and belief in the children – it is this collective effort that has made Highlands so successful.

I would also like to share that Ms Eastham and Mrs Dearing will be leaving the school at the end of this term. Both have been at Highlands for over twenty-five years and have supported so many children and families during their time here. I know that you will join me in thanking them for their commitment and dedication to Highlands and wishing them every success and happiness in the future.

One of the greatest joys of my career has been getting to know so many of you and watching your children grow, learn and flourish. I've been incredibly lucky to have taught many of you when you were children yourselves, which makes this community all the more special to me. I feel truly proud to have been part of so many of your family journeys.

I am very pleased to share that Mrs Helen Smith, one of our current Assistant Vice Principals, will be taking on the role of Headteacher. I know that the school will be in very safe hands and I am confident she and the rest of the team will continue to build on all that makes this school such a special place.

While I am looking forward to a new chapter, I will of course feel very sad to leave a place that means so much to me. I will take with me many special memories and a deep affection for the school community.

Over the coming weeks, I look forward to having the opportunity to say goodbye to you all. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be part of your children's lives and your family stories.

With my very best wishes,

Debbie Smith
Principal