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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I write to let you know that this will be my last year at Waverton Primary School. It has been a very difficult decision as it has been a large part of my life for the past 27 years, first as Deputy Head starting in April 1997, then as Head from September 2008.

I have been lucky enough to work with a team of wonderful, loyal staff, and alongside a group of committed and supportive governors. I am extremely grateful to the parents and carers of Waverton over the years who have given me their consistent backing. It really has meant a lot to me. And of course, I also feel very fortunate to have witnessed hundreds of children at Waverton grow and flourish over time. This is a unique privilege for any headteacher. It can sometimes be a lonely position but the daily interactions with the children will be the thing that I will miss the most. Being here so long I have also witnessed a number of these children return as parents, with their own children, which is wonderful but ages you very quickly!

I plan to spend more time with my dad who has recently turned 90. He currently lives on his own in Somerset so I do not get to see him as much as I would like. My wife is also a Headteacher and will continue working, so providing her with support will ensure that I keep in touch with the world of education. Beyond that attending a few more Arsenal matches in London with my daughter and hopefully moving up the queue for a knee replacement – I have always loved sport and champion its benefits but like most things we enjoy it does come at a price.

I will remain completely committed to the school over the next few months while the governors go through the process of recruitment. I, of course, will support the transition to a new senior leadership team. I also plan to speak to all the children in the coming days about how they will have a role in helping choose the next Waverton Headteacher.

I know when the time comes in July, I will have mixed feelings, but I am certain the school will benefit hugely from the energy and vision that a new Headteacher can bring and it will go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Talbot
Head Teacher