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Dear parents and carers,

## Re: Headteacher Announcement

I wanted to write to you personally to share the news that I will be leaving STFS at the end of the summer term to take up a position within teacher training. I have been a teacher for 22 years, nine of which have been here as Deputy Head, from the school's opening, and for the last four years as Headteacher. I cannot express what an honour that has been. I am so proud of the school we have become and want to recognise you all for your part in that growth. I have worked with an incredibly talented group of professionals throughout my time, built strong relationships with families and overseen the most amazing group of students.

The last two years have been incredibly challenging for everyone. The difficult times have enabled me to reflect on my future and feel it is now time to give my own family the time and care that I have shown STFS over the last nine years. Being a Headteacher takes over your life, and the reason I have kept going is because of your support and the desire for the students to achieve everything they can; not just in terms of exam results, but experiences, enjoyment and an ability to make positive change. I have no doubt that the students from STFS will go on to make a huge contribution to the world around them and I will be forever proud that they attended our school. In the future, if I bump into past students, my first question will not be what grade did you get, but what difference are you making? Are you happy? These things will always be of the greatest importance to me.

I will be leaving the STFS in a strong position, ready for someone new to give it the attention and energy it deserves. There are now secure foundations, and this gives the school a great position to continue its journey and give the students the very best. I will be in role until the end of the summer term, and between now and then, the Governing Body will be recruiting the new Headteacher.

Thank you for all your support and the occasional criticisms (they are as important). I hope that all students, and their families look back with pride on their time at STFS, and I wish everyone all the very best with everything they do.

Thank you,

Neale Pledger  
Headteacher

