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Dear Parents/ Guardians and Pupils

I would like to inform you all I have made the difficult decision that this will be my final year at Sir Edmund Hillary and I have resigned as Headteacher from the end of the Summer Term. After completing 33 years in the teaching profession, I feel it is now time for me to go at a slightly slower pace, to accommodate some of my family's needs & take up some different challenges outside of education (Though I will actually be going back to University!).

I have been Head Teacher at Sir Edmund Hillary for over nine years now and it has been an absolute privilege to work with such a dedicated team and the most generous-hearted and hard- working group of pupils that I have come across. Some of my very best memories and my closest colleagues have arisen during my time here.

Essentially, my decision was made a year or so ago, and since then we have been working hard to secure the school within a strong and dynamic, pupil centred, Academy Trust. I believe that that is now firmly in place and I can be confident that I leave the school in a better resourced and supported situation with LEAD Academy Trust, that will be to the benefit of the children and the community. The Governing Body of the school, an excellently child-centred group of people, has extended great support in this and I thank them wholeheartedly in helping achieve this.

I have loved working in the school every day and I will miss the staff, pupils and parents. I will also be keenly watching the school grow and develop into the future.

I know that the Trust will be keen to appoint a new Leader who will work closely with you, as parents, to ensure that the school continues to grow and this will be communicated to you over this next term.

Best wishes to you all,

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Chris Guest

Head Teacher