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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that, after many happy years here at St Andrew's, the time is near for me to say goodbye. I will retire from headship at the end of this upcoming summer term. As many of you know, I became Headteacher at the junior school in 2015 and Executive Headteacher over the Federation in 2018 when we federated. What many of you don't know is that I completed my first ever teaching practice at the junior school in 1992 (yes, in the last century!). It's fair to say that, like our children, I have been on an amazing educational journey with St Andrew's!

We have moved the junior school from 'Requires Improvement' to being one of only fifteen schools in England in 2022/23 that moved from Ofsted 'Good' to 'Outstanding'. Similarly, our infant school is now Ofsted 'Outstanding' for Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes.

Our Federation is a great success and continues to go from strength to strength. On that note, I am delighted to tell you that from September, **Mrs Jocelyn will be our new Executive Headteacher** across the Federation with **Mrs Swallow as our new Deputy Executive Headteacher**. I know that you will join me in congratulating them on their new positions. We are all passionate about looking after our children and ensuring the best outcomes and I know that the star that is St Andrew's will continue to shine brightly long after I am gone.

I want to thank all of you for the part that you play in making our Federation so successful and for the support and kindness that you have shown to me over the years. It has been such an incredible honour to be a cog in the wheel of our journey. I am inextricably linked to St Andrew's and send my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Karen Smith
Executive Headteacher

