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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may recall in September I wrote to you all to indicate my intention to retire at the end of this academic year. With only a few weeks of the term remaining I am now writing my final letter to you. I always say that the school year passes quickly but this one in particular has flown by.

I have been asked several times how I feel about my pending retirement and my response would have to be mixed but the right decision. I have enjoyed the most wonderful career, a significant part of which has been at Wildern, 23 years. I can genuinely say that I have loved my time, having worked with amazing people, great parents and of course wonderful students who make the job what it is. Witnessing generation after generation grow and progress into young adults is the buzz that makes teaching the most rewarding of jobs.

In the last 23 years I have seen huge changes not just in education but within the community, not a community I live in but one that has always felt like a second home. Many of you will have known me for many of those years. We will have met, chatted, been at school shows and maybe even occasionally disagreed but I hope you know that my commitment to our community has always been a priority. I hope that Wildern and our two new schools are testament to that. In ensuring our children can attend their local school, which for some was not always possible.

I would like to thank you all for your support and commitment to the schools and faith in what we try always to achieve which is the best for your children. We have undoubtedly all had some tests over the last few years which have challenged us all, none more so than the children. I hope while we are far from perfect we have played a part in ensuring that they have progressed onto great things. Some of you reading this letter were in fact students yourself at Wildern which indicates it is a school that serves its local community.

To conclude, I wish you all the very best in the next chapters of your life. I will always have a place in my heart for Wildern and of course our new schools. My heartfelt thanks to all of you, I have had the best of times.

Yours faithfully

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