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Dear Parents & Carers

I write to inform you that, after 40 years in teaching and the last 16 years as Head at The Willink, I shall be retiring from teaching at the end of this academic year.

This decision has been a very difficult one for me to make. I still very much enjoy coming to work – apart from leaving home at 6.15am each morning!

I am fortunate that throughout my career in teaching and school leadership, I have been privileged to work with many amazing, highly talented and committed staff, teachers, senior staff, governors and, of course, students – but none more so than at Willink! It has been an honour to lead our wonderful school and I will greatly miss working with such a fantastic group of staff and students. Over the last 16 years the school has changed significantly – in size, in facilities and in student outcomes – but Willink remains a very special community.

After Willink, I intend to continue being engaged in education (it would be impossible not to be) in school improvement, professional development and school inspection but my time as Head at Willink draws to a close.

The Governors have already begun the work to appoint my successor. The post will be advertised on Monday with the intention of making an appointment by mid-March. Whilst a change of Head can be unsettling, the school is blessed with a strong, experienced and thoroughly dedicated group of middle leaders, senior leaders and governors and I am hugely confident they shall lead the school from strength to strength.

I look forward to seeing you at the various events that will take place between now and the end of the academic year and I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Fry

Head