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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to inform you of changes to the Senior Leadership Team at Hodgson. I have worked at five schools during my 32 year career but when I walked through the doors at Hodgson it felt like I was coming home. I have spent 14 years here and have loved it. I am so proud to say I work at Hodgson and feel the biggest privilege has been to be trusted with the Headship. It is therefore with the deepest regret that I must announce that I intend to take early retirement. My daughter has been struggling with mental illness since her teens and over the last 18 months her mental health has deteriorated. She now needs my support.

I am pleased to say that I leave Hodgson in what I believe to be a very strong position. The staff give 110% all day and every day. Staff attendance is good and their participation and commitment to the school unquestionable. The atmosphere at Hodgson is positive, supportive and inspiring. The students are wonderful and it has been a joy to come to work each day and watch them mature into such amazing young adults. Of course Hodgson wouldn't be Hodgson without the support of the parents who trust us and work with us to achieve the very best for the young people in our care. The governing body is comprised of people who are committed, knowledgeable and passionate about making a difference. I am sure the governors are equipped to guide us through this period of transition and maintain our outstanding status.

You will be reassured to hear that Hodgson will be led by Mr Nicholson as Executive Principal and Mr Yarwood as Acting Principal. A strong pair with a dynamic senior team of leaders to support them.

I cannot adequately express how sad I am to be leaving but excited for my new life post retirement. Wherever I go and whatever I do I will always carry a bit of Hodgson in my heart.

Yours sincerely

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