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Dear Parents and Carers

This afternoon I will be telling all our wonderful children that this year will be my last as headteacher of our school. I am certain that telling the children my news will not be easy for me – I am not looking forward to it one little bit.

I shall be retiring to spend more time with my own family, who have, for many years, put up with my long hours and been extremely supportive when coming second at times to my commitments here.

After twenty-five years as head of Worthington, and thirty-six years working in Sale primary schools, I have built up a huge stack of extremely happy memories – enough to last thirty-six thousand years! Happily, I still have the rest of this school year to build on my memories. I am certainly not ready to say goodbye just yet – and will not be doing so until 31st August 2023; as far as I am concerned, it is business as usual.

I could not have been luckier in my choice of headship school. On appointment, I intended to stay here for five years. In the end, I have loved it so much at Worthington, that I've stayed five times that length. I am blessed to work with such talented, caring and happy staff and children, and such supportive parents and governors.

You may be wondering why I have announced my retirement so early in the academic year. Due to the lengthy timescale required in headship appointments, the process of finding a new headteacher has already begun. A panel of five governors has been given the responsibility for appointing your new head, and they are working alongside a senior Trafford education advisor to ensure the very best candidate is appointed. In the next few days, the advertisement for my post will be printed in the national press (Times Educational Supplement) and also placed online. As soon as a new headteacher is selected, he or she will then be able to work with me and staff prior to taking up their post, so that we ensure a smooth transition ready for September 2023. I know for certain that whoever is appointed to replace me, he or she will absolutely love working here.

With very best wishes

C Searle