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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share the news that I will be retiring from headship at the end of this term, following 30 years in education.

This has not been an easy decision because the last nine years at Forefield have been among the most rewarding of my career. It has been an absolute privilege to work with such wonderful children, supportive families, dedicated governors and talented colleagues who care so deeply about our school community. I can honestly say that I have laughed every single day, and I hope that along the way I may have raised a smile or two as well.

When I reflect on all that we have achieved together, I feel enormously proud. Over the years, we have introduced many new ideas and initiatives to support both the academic and emotional wellbeing of our pupils. The development of our therapeutic classrooms, the strength of our pastoral support, the excellent academic outcomes achieved by our children, and the positive relationships built between home and school are all part of what makes Forefield such a special place.

Most importantly, I will always remember the children — their energy, kindness, resilience and achievements have made every day worthwhile. Watching them grow in confidence and flourish has been the greatest privilege of all. I think my memories of residential visits alone could fill a book!

Forefield Junior School holds a very special place in my heart, and I know the school will continue to thrive in the years ahead. I will leave with many wonderful memories and with sincere gratitude for the support and kindness shown to me throughout my time here.

After half-term, we will share further details and next steps regarding the future leadership structure of the school. In the meantime, thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's lives and for being such an important part of my own journey in education.

With warmest wishes,

P A Swift  
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