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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Over the past twelve years, and the last four as Executive Headteacher, it has been a privilege and an honour to be a part of the St Wilfrid's community. I have had the opportunity to work with incredibly dedicated colleagues, supportive parents, and, most importantly, talented and inspiring students.

I wanted to notify you that I have accepted a new professional opportunity as a Chief Standards Officer within our Trust working alongside the CEO. While I am excited about this new chapter in my career, it is not without a sense of sadness to leave behind the wonderful relationships and experiences at St Wilfrid's. It has been a privilege to work with your children daily.

I want to express my deep gratitude to the parents, students, and colleagues who have made my time here so enriching and rewarding. Your support and collaboration have been invaluable.

As you know Denise Ritchie is Head of School and will continue to manage the day-to-day running of the school operationally. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition during my remaining time at school and will continue to support the school in my new Trust role. The Headteacher vacancy will shortly be advertised at a national level. Please be assured that our Board of Directors will look to recruit an applicant of the highest calibre; to drive forward our school mission statement of excellence through faith, learning and support.

I look forward to maintaining positive connections and witnessing the continued success of St Wilfrid's in my new Trust role.

Wishing you all continued success and growth.

Yours faithfully,

Francesca Craik
Executive Headteacher