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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of my intention to retire from my post as headteacher of Maiden Erlegh School in Reading at the end of this term.

Now that we are settled in the new building I have decided that it is the right time for me to retire. I have worked on the new school project since 2013. The last three years have been, without doubt, the most demanding of my career and some of the most rewarding. It is now time to hand over the reins to others.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 17 years at both Maiden Erlegh Schools, especially establishing the new school in Reading. It has been exciting and very rewarding, with the support of a happy and highly professional staff, a most supportive governing body and Trust board, committed students and the backing of you, the parents. I have enjoyed almost every moment of my 39 year career in education spanning 3 headships. There has certainly never been a dull moment.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with you to create a new school from scratch and to help your children get established in their secondary schooling. Together we have put in place the foundations of a successful 21st century school which I feel sure will go from strength to strength. Everyone associated with the new school should be proud of what has been achieved. I feel I will be passing the school over to a new team in a very positive and healthy position.

The Trustees have appointed Miss Mary Davies, headteacher of Maiden Erlegh School as the executive headteacher for the Trust and Mr Andy Johnson as temporary head of school at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading to take the school into its next exciting phase. I have worked closely with them both over many years and know that the Trust and Maiden Erlegh School in Reading will be in safe hands. I have every confidence that Maiden Erlegh School in Reading will continue to be a warm, friendly and very special place for pupils to thrive, flourish and excel.

Thank you for your support, having faith in our new school and enabling me to end my career on such a positive note.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Peter Thomas
Headteacher