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Dear parents/carers and students,

I am writing to let you know that I shall be stepping down as headteacher of Farmor's School this summer to take up the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at The Athelstan Trust in September 2025.

I am excited to take on this new role and to enter the next stage of my career. The Athelstan Trust are a group of 7 schools across Swindon, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. My role will be to ensure the continued success and growth of the Trust to serve the needs of children in their schools.

However, I leave Farmor's with a heavy heart. By this summer, I will have been headteacher for 12 years. I am proud that in my time as headteacher the school has been consistently over-subscribed, that every cohort have achieved academic success, and that we have remained a happy, caring community where children have amazing opportunities to thrive. I leave behind some of the best staff I have ever worked with, a superb leadership team, and the most brilliant students. I know that the school will continue to be just as brilliant without me, if not more so.

The Board of Governors will soon be recruiting my successor. Farmor's School has an excellent reputation in the local area and I am confident that the very best school leaders will step forward for the role.

I have many months ahead in which I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure your children receive the best possible education.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Evans

Headteacher

