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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of my decision to step down as Headteacher of Ponteland High School and move to the role of Pele Trust Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on a full-time basis. This has been a very difficult decision to make as I absolutely love the job of being a headteacher and particularly so in our wonderful school.

Given the recent government White Paper, and the move towards all schools being part of a Multi-Academy Trust, Pele Trust Directors believe this is the right time to move to a full-time CEO as we look to manage potential expansion in the coming months and years. We have worked hard to establish Pele Trust, built on clear values and principles, and we need to ensure that this continues to be the case as we increase the number of schools we work with.

I have been the headteacher at Ponteland High School for the last 10 years. It has been an eventful 10 years but I wouldn't change a thing as we now have a vibrant 11-18 school that is financially secure and educating students in a fantastic building. As CEO, I will retain a keen interest in Ponteland High School, as I do in all Pele Trust schools, but I know that the school is in good hands as we have a very talented and experienced senior leadership team supported by a superb staff body.

We will be advertising for my replacement immediately after the Easter break. I know that the job of headteacher at Ponteland High School will be much sought after as it will be one of the most attractive vacant roles in the region so we will be diligent in securing someone who will continue the success of the school in the years ahead. The intention is for the newly appointed headteacher to join our school in January 2023 or earlier if at all possible.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that I expect to remain in post until the end of this calendar year, i.e. December 2022 so there are no immediate changes. I'd also like to thank all parents for your support over my 10 years as headteacher; it is a pleasure to work in a school with parents who are so invested in their child's education.

Yours faithfully

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