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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with sadness that I share the news that Richard Williman will be stepping down as Headteacher at South Hunsley this summer. Richard joined us nearly 5 years ago, and in that time, he has led South Hunsley with enormous dedication and commitment. As well as continuing to secure consistently great outcomes at GCSE and A level, he has developed a new sense of the school's place in the wider community and has epitomised what it means to be an ethical leader. His sense of moral purpose has burnt bright, and it has been a true privilege to work with him as part of our trust's Headteacher group.

Some of you will be aware of what he and his family have gone through in the last 18 months. His wife, Erika, fought a long battle with cancer and sadly passed away last summer. His personal courage has been immense as he supported Erika and his children whilst continuing to lead one of the biggest schools in the country. After 12 years as a highly successful Headteacher, in two very different schools, Rich has come to the decision that over the next few years, it is right to focus more on family and spending more time with his children; this is something that has our whole-hearted support.

This week we will begin the process for recruiting a new Headteacher and expect to attract a strong field to lead such a successful school with so many brilliant young people and supportive families. We hope to have completed the process before Easter and will update you in due course.

I would like to thank Richard for the tremendous job he has done as Headteacher, for his kindness, decency, fidelity and his total commitment to South Hunsley's families and staff, as well as his loyalty to the trust.

Yours faithfully,

Jonny Uttley
Chief Executive Officer



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