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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Bevan – Headteacher, has indicated her intention to retire at the end of this academic year. As you will know, Mrs Bevan has given a great deal to St Dunstan's and has been responsible for much of the improvement over the last 8 or so years. I am very grateful that she has notified me so early about her intention to retire, and this again shows how much she cares about the school and of course its pupils and staff.

St Dunstan's is in the fortunate position that it is part of a much larger organisation – Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership. This means that we can put in place support measures to ensure the good work undertaken by Mrs Bevan can be transitioned smoothly to any new Headteacher appointed.

Mrs Bevan and I have agreed to appoint on a temporary basis, Mr Duncan Powell as the Executive Headteacher for St Dunstan's. Mr Powell is a senior member of staff in the Trust School Improvement Team and has many years of experience of leading schools. He will take responsibility for the strategic and accountability-related work (largely planning for the next academic year), whilst Mrs Bevan will remain responsible for much of the work of the school on a day-to-day basis - the management of pupils, quality of learning, etc. I hope that this new, temporary role assigned to Mr Powell, will add capacity at St Dunstan's and as I said, ensure that there is a smooth transition for the new Headteacher appointed.

St Dunstan's is in the strongest position it has been for many years and has a bright future. It remains one of the highest performing schools in Somerset and is well-regarded by parents and the community of Glastonbury. It has also grown significantly as it has become more popular and in fact, will have its largest intake of pupils for over 25 years this September. Of course, there are plenty of challenges and areas to keep working on, but the school has improved so much from when it first joined the Trust in 2016, it is almost unrecognisable.

I am sure like me, you will wish Mrs Bevan well for her retirement and thank her for the many years she has given to St Dunstan's and the 30 years she has given to the education system more generally as a teacher, Head of English and senior member of staff.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alun Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alun Williams
CEO