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Dear parent/carer,

You should, by now, have received a letter from the Chair of Trustees, Ms Trudie Baker, informing you of my decision to stand down from the post of Principal/CEO of Church Stretton School and the South Shropshire Academy Trust, with effect from September 2018.

This was not a decision taken lightly and I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you, personally, explaining my decision and to thank you for the magnificent support I have received while in post. Last summer, my wife was diagnosed with MS and as a result of this, we have had to re-evaluate a few things relating to our future. I had not planned on early retirement but, in the circumstances it is the right thing to do.

Leading the school and the Trust these past nine years has been extremely rewarding and it has been a real privilege and pleasure to work with Trustees, Governors, staff, parents and pupils alike. I can honestly say that the pupils have been some of the most adventurous, ambitious and aspirational children I have ever had the pleasure to meet. I am in no doubt this is directly due to the support they receive from yourselves. I will miss them.

The schools remain a warm, caring and safe environment, where learning is strong and there is a real and growing sense of community involvement. None of this would be possible without the support of you as parents. We only really achieve anything with our young people due to the strong partnerships that exist between home and school and for that, I thank you.

There are still exciting challenges ahead for the Trust and schools and I will leave that for my successor to manage, but please be assured that, as I leave, I will forever take a part of the schools with me.

Once more, thank you for all the support and best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Lunt  
Principal and CEO