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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and you have had a restful and enjoyable half term break. I write to inform you that I will be leaving my position as Headteacher of Larks Hill Junior and Infant School at the end of the 2021/22 academic year. After spending four extremely rewarding, successful and enjoyable years at Larks Hill, I have decided that now is the correct time for me to embrace the next challenge and phase of my leadership career in education.

During my tenure as Headteacher of Larks Hill School it has been an absolute pleasure to work with, and alongside, so many amazing young people and adults alike. Collectively, we have all worked hard as a school community to ensure the school has evolved for the benefit of our most and has much to be proud of and celebrate.

As I have often referred to in my communications, this would not have been possible without the aligned attitude and ambition from the children, staff and families alike. The support I have received from the Trust's Executive Leadership Team has also been invaluable and very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all members of the School's Performance Review Board, for all their support and dedication in regard to helping the staff and I provide an educational setting which is providing the children with the highest standard of education, both inside and outside of the classroom. I have every confidence that the school will continue to thrive and achieve continued successes in the future.

At the beginning of the 2022/23 academic year, I will assume my new role as Headteacher of Halfpenny Lane School, which as you will be aware is another primary school within the family of the Trust's eight schools. I am sure you will understand and appreciate that I am delighted to be remaining within the Trust and playing my part in making a positive difference to all the children, staff and families under my care.

As you would now expect the Trust will undertake a rigorous recruitment process to appoint my successor. Further information will be communicated to you in due course regarding the outcome of this process.

In conclusion, I will look forward to hearing about the continued successes at Larks Hill, from not too far away! In the meantime, and prior to me starting my new position at Halfpenny Lane School, please rest assured that I will remain fully committed to everything associated with Larks Hill for the remainder of this academic year. To be the Headteacher at Larks Hill has been a position I have been immensely proud to hold and one that I will never forget.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Shuttleworth  
Headteacher