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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to you to tell you that after nine years of having the huge privilege of being Headteacher at Etwall Primary School, I have made the decision to resign and will be leaving Etwall at the end of the school year. It has not been an easy decision to make, but one that I feel is right for me.

As you know, I have worked for many years now with a diagnosis of Fibromyalgia and also Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.) which are both long term and chronic conditions that cause many symptoms. I have always worked hard to manage these conditions whilst working as your Headteacher, but I feel it is time to address my own health issues and work life balance so that I can continue serving the people of Derbyshire in other ways for the rest of my working life.

I have been honoured to be Headteacher at Etwall Primary School. I have worked with the most amazing staff, children and governors at the school over the years. They are all truly inspirational people and I am proud to have been part of such an excellent school team for so long. I have worked hard with the whole school team to improve the school year on year and am proud to have led them through many exciting developments including two "Good" Ofsted inspections. The experiences that they give your amazing children every day is exceptional – it's a very special school and I will take with me so many happy memories, stories and anecdotes that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Thank you to all parents past and present who have supported the school and myself – it makes all the difference.

I am off school following surgery currently, but hope to be back in a few weeks' time to enjoy the end of the school year and be able to say my goodbyes. In the meantime, Rishi Makwana, Chair of Governors, the governing body and DCC will be looking ahead and setting the wheels in motion to appoint a new Headteacher. This is an exciting time for the school as governors seek an inspirational and experienced leader who will lead the school into future successes.

I look forward to seeing you before the end of the summer term.

With my very best wishes

Sally Dixey

Headteacher



