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Dear Parents and children,

I am writing to inform you that last week I was appointed Headteacher at a large 11-18 Catholic school in Doncaster and will be taking up my post in September.

It has been my privilege to have been Head of this wonderful school for the last 7 years and I will leave at the end of July with very many fond memories of my time here.

I must, firstly, thank all of the Governors for putting their faith and trust in me on my appointment and hope that I have repaid their confidence in continuing Becket's' journey to 'Outstanding' in such turbulent, challenging and uncertain times educationally, politically and financially. You should all know that their support for the school is unfailing!

I have complete confidence in our governing body in appointing an outstanding new Head and I know that they will ensure that Becket's remains a warm, friendly and very 'special' place for pupils to thrive, flourish and excel. The process will begin as soon as possible.

My time here has been exciting and very rewarding, with the support of a superb, committed, extremely talented and highly professional staff, as well as, an outstanding leadership team.

I will miss everything about the school but most of all the wonderful children who have sometimes driven me mad but mostly kept me sane with their amazing good humour and considerable talent. They are a real credit to superb parents who, again, have been super supportive of the school as we have moved forward.

I can assure you all that my focus over the next four months remains very much with this special place and I will do everything in my power to put the school on the best possible footing for my successor.

Thank you all for all your friendship, support and, more than anything, having belief in me; allowing me to 'be rather than just seeming to be.'

God Bless

John Rooney
Principal

