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Dear Parents,

It is with very mixed emotions that I am writing to inform you that after 7 ½ very enjoyable years at Winklebury, I will be leaving in April.

I have not taken this decision lightly, nor has it been easy for me to make. I have decided to move out of Basingstoke to live closer to my daughter and grandchildren. Winklebury is a very special place, and I am immensely proud of everything we have achieved, but I hope you all understand my decision to be close to my family. Winklebury Infant and Junior schools are schools to be proud of and I will miss the children and whole community greatly.

I know that some parents may be anxious about the school's future. The Governors are responsible for appointing a new Headteacher. Jeannette Meredith, Chair of the Governors, will work closely with the local authority on this and will keep you updated as the process goes on.

In the meantime, please be assured that I will continue to give my all to Winklebury until Easter. I know that with such a fantastic and dedicated Staff, Senior Leadership Team, and Governors, I will be leaving the school in a very strong position.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Mathlin  
Head of Federation