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## Dear Parent/Carer

In the next few days the Trustees will advertise publicly for a new Chief Executive Officer. This is because after much thought I have taken the decision to retire. It has been a difficult decision to make, and one that I have not taken lightly, but out of respect, I wanted to tell you myself before the vacancy goes public.

The prospect of change can always be a little disconcerting, but the Trust is in a very strong position; the schools are performing and improving well and they have strong leaders and talented staff who are dedicated to your children. Our values remain strong and underpin all of our work, notably putting children first, with uncompromising inclusivity and ambition, and respecting the importance of nurturing the talented professionals who work for them. I am, therefore, extremely confident that the Trustees will have a choice of excellent candidates to work with the wonderful professionals we have at Maiden Erlegh Trust so that our schools continue to go from strength to strength.

I will continue to give my all to this role until I formally step down, which is likely to be January 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mary Davies

Chief Executive Officer