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Dear Parent

First of all, I hope the start of the summer holidays is treating you well. The sun will be back, have faith. Anyway, a few chilled-out days on the sofa never did anyone any harm...

I have been back in the office, starting to sort things out for my sake and Mr Fulton's. There's a bit to go...

However, my reason for writing to you now is to say a huge thank you for all your best wishes, cards and gifts that I have now opened. It has taken some time as I wanted to read everything and reflect along the way. Each message says something about you as well as me, so it's been important to take my time.

The last 15 years have been wonderful and special in so many ways. This school has been at the heart of our family, both for my time as Principal, and during Joanne's and my time as parents. It always will be.

When talking to new/prospective parents, I often talk of joining a school and going on a seven year journey - as a family. The road has beautiful views and places to park up and reflect or celebrate. It also has bumps and twists and turns, but if we make positive connections and build relationships at the start, we have the strength and resilience to get through the tougher times together. The Engagement pillar of PERMA is, for me, the most important one.

So, as I say cheerio for the last time, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for sharing my professional journey with me, whether for one year or seven, or more!

For those families moving on, you have my very best wishes for the future; for those staying, continue to enjoy the ride.

Our school is thriving; long may it continue to do so and long may our community stay together. Please remember, once in the AMPS family, always in the AMPS family!

With my kindest regards

Ralph Magee