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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with some sadness that I write to you today to let you know that after 15 proud years, I have made the decision to resign as Executive Headteacher at Donisthorpe Primary School.

Throughout my time at Donisthorpe, it has been an absolute privilege to work alongside such a talented and committed staff team, as well as the wonderful pupils and families that make up our school community. Together, we have weathered many challenges and celebrated so many successes, all while working hard to provide the best possible experience for the Donisthorpe children.

However, the time has come for me to embark on a new chapter and, in the Autumn term, I will start a new role as Strategic Education Lead within Symphony Learning Trust, alongside my role at Ashby Hill Top. While the decision to leave Donisthorpe has not been made lightly, I believe it is the right one for both myself and the school. Governors have begun the recruitment process for Donisthorpe's new Headteacher and they will keep you updated on their progress. I am confident that Donisthorpe will continue to thrive under new leadership, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as Executive Headteacher.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support over the years. I will still be a familiar face at Donisthorpe until the end of the summer term. It has been an honour to be a part of this community, and I will cherish the memories and relationships I have built during my time here.

Thank you all so much for your support.

Sincerely,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

