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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Resignation**

I have written to parents a number of times during my time at Oldbury Academy but this is without a doubt one of the most difficult of them all. I am writing to advise you that, after fourteen years at Oldbury Academy, eight of which as Headteacher, I shall be leaving at the end of the Spring Term on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. I have recently been successful in gaining a promotion to Executive Leader for schools within the Stour Vale Academy Trust.

As Oldbury Academy is a school within the Trust, I'm pleased to say that I will still have a very strong connection with the school but will no longer be the Headteacher.

Having led Oldbury Academy since January 2016, I am immensely proud of our school and what we have been able to achieve together. I have been extremely fortunate to work alongside fantastic colleagues, who really do put your children at the centre of everything they do. I have loved working with your children and helping them on their journey through school and I wish them the very best of luck for the future. I have no doubt they will achieve everything they aim for.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support during my time at the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with you and would like to take this opportunity to also wish you the very best for the future.

The Governors will be advertising for a new Headteacher nationally and I have every confidence that they will appoint an outstanding candidate who will continue to work with all stakeholders to bring further success to Oldbury Academy. The recruitment process will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, with the interviews planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Once this process has been completed I will update you further.

Finally, I would like to thank you all again for your continued support throughout my time at Oldbury Academy.

Yours faithfully



Phil Shackleton