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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and have been able to spend some time together, particularly over the long weekend. I wanted to write to you as soon as possible to share some important news.

As you will know, I am extremely proud of what we have achieved at Huxlow Academy since I arrived in 2021. The last three years have been the most exciting, satisfying and challenging years of my career. As we enter the next phase of our improvement journey, I wish to inform you that I have decided that now is the time to pass on the Huxlow baton to a new Headteacher so that they can build on the foundations laid so far. As a consequence and after careful thought, I have decided to step down as Huxlow Academy Headteacher.

This has been a very difficult decision to make, as I truly believe the students and staff at Huxlow are the most amazing individuals I have ever had the pleasure to work with over my 33 years in education. I feel it is time to pass this responsibility on to a new headteacher of Huxlow Academy to continue the good work and make the school even stronger.

When I arrived, I spoke about leaving a legacy of improvement for those who follow. I do believe the school is in a better place with much achieved since 2021. However, there is much still to do to ensure Huxlow continues to improve in its next phase of development.

My last day as Headteacher will be on 2nd June, so I will be leaving you all at the end of this half term. However, I am very pleased to inform you that Tove Learning Trust has appointed Mrs Isaksen, Deputy Headteacher, to the role of Headteacher of Huxlow Academy from after the May half term. This is fantastic news for the Huxlow community as she has been integral to the work we have been undertaking in recent years, and also successfully led the Academy through the challenging Covid times prior to my arrival. She is utterly committed to Huxlow, fully understands the strong foundations that we have put in place and knows what is required to provide the strategic direction to build upon these foundations for Huxlow's ongoing improvement. I know you will get behind and fully support her in her new role. I could not be happier to be handing the baton onto such an outstanding leader and colleague. I can reassure you that I will continue to work relentlessly with Mrs Isaksen to ensure that everything is handed over effectively and that ongoing actions continue during this period.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff and students for the energy, commitment and support they have given me over what has been an exciting and successful few years. I hope that you recognise how hard Huxlow staff work and how much they care about your children every day. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mr P Letch
Headteacher