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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing today to inform you of my decision to tender my resignation as Principal of Abbey Grange, as a result of which I will be leaving at February half-term. After nearly 11 years at Abbey Grange, this is not a decision that I have taken lightly, but the challenges of the past year faced by all schools have been significant, and now is the time for me to make a change.

I am immensely proud of the community that is Abbey Grange, and have always been humbled by the fact that I have had the privilege to serve as its Principal for the last 6 and a half years. I believe that I leave the school in a strong position, capable of continuing to make the best of whatever the circumstances are and to offer a great education to its students. This position is credit to the fantastic partnership between staff, students and parents/carers, which I know will continue to flourish with a new Principal.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Thornton will step up as Acting Principal from February half-term, whilst the Trust puts in place a process to secure a permanent replacement. Mrs Thornton is very well placed to take on this position and indeed has already served as Acting Principal for over 2 terms when I was temporarily leading one of the other Trust schools in 2019.

Sadly, given the current restrictions, there won't be the normal opportunities that the school year normally offers (Parents' Evenings, Concerts, etc) to see any of you in person before I leave, but I would like to thank you for the part that you have played in supporting me over the last few years. I would also like to thank my colleagues on the staff team at Abbey Grange for all their support and pay tribute to their hard work and dedication.

Yours faithfully

Jon Norden
Principal

