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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, I have been carrying out some wider Trust work at Northwood Primary in Darlington. Although this was a short-term project initially, it subsequently became apparent that a longer term solution was necessary for Northwood. Therefore, I have made the very difficult decision to leave Captain Cook Primary at the end of the school year, in order to take up the substantive headship at Northwood. Mrs Acheson will continue to lead Captain Cook in order to provide continuity and stability for all members of our school community. I am sure that the school will continue to go from strength to strength under her leadership. Please be assured that I will work closely with Mrs Acheson, to ensure a smooth handover.

I have been extremely privileged to lead Captain Cook Primary School over the past 12 years and have the happiest of memories of my time here. It really is a very special school, filled with the most amazing staff and children I have ever been lucky enough to work with. The decision to leave such a special place has been incredibly difficult.

I will of course arrange a time to say goodbye to the wonderful children who I will miss terribly and who made me smile every single day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the amazing support you have given me throughout my time here. I wish you lots of happiness and good health.

With much love

*A Young*

**Amy Young**  
Headteacher