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Dear St John's Community,

I would just like to take the opportunity to write one last letter as the Head of School. This letter is to say thank you! Thank you to all of you that have supported me, the staff team and what we have worked so hard to achieve over the past five years, whilst I have been here at St John's. My journey here didn't start how I had planned, but it has lead me to the position I am in today, and for that I am eternally grateful. Right from the very beginning, I developed such an emotional attachment to the school and the community, which means saying goodbye is very difficult for me. Knowing that I am handing the school over to the new leadership team in a very strong position, makes it a little easier to go. Having met Ms Khan and Miss Slater a number of times now, I feel that I am also handing the school over to very safe hands.

It has been a privilege getting to know so many of you personally and working with all of the wonderful children here at St John's. One of the best parts of the job of a teacher, is watching the children we work with grow and flourish through their journey at primary school. Although I won't be here in person to see this going forward, I would love to hear about how the children are doing either directly from them, or from you as parents and carers. Both George and I would also love to meet up with any of you if you're ever in York.

Thank you also for your incredibly kind gifts, and the beautiful words many of you have written to me in cards and the wonderful scrap book made by the whole school; I will cherish it forever.

I will forever hold St John's close to my heart and will never forget the wonderful strong sense of community this school has to offer.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

