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Dear Parent/Guardian

Farewell Message

It is with a very saddened heart that I am writing to say farewell to you all pending my imminent retirement from the Angel Road Federation. I have written hundreds of letters home to parents over time but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as headteacher at these wonderful schools. I have welcomed thousands of children into Angel Road over my 23+ years here. Many of you were here as children yourselves during my time as head. It is very special for me to have watched you grow up and then see you return as parents with a second generation.

Earlier this year at the infant school a little girl in a reception class said to me 'Mr Holman you used to teach my Grandad!' I laughed kindly because of course this had to be impossible. A week later her Grandad came to see me and true enough he used to be a little boy in one of my first classes. At this point I knew it was time to retire!

When I start to reminisce I can recall so much. We have enjoyed so much success in so many ways with so many children and staff. Hopefully I may make 'old bones' and then bore people to tears with my hundreds of stories about my life as headteacher of the two best schools in Norwich.

My heart is full of very special Angel Road memories that will stay with me forever. I will miss all of your children and all of the staff across the three establishments who work so hard to do the very best for the children in their care.

I know that the schools will continue to flourish in the future and I wish you and your children all the very best for a bright and prosperous future.

Thank you all so much.

Len Holman

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A very proud headteacher of The Angel Road Federation of Schools