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Dear staff, students, parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that I will be stepping down as headteacher at the end of term. It was always my aim to see the school through the academisation process and secure its long-term future. I have achieved this and now feel it is time to make way for a new leader who will work with our sponsor, the Creative Education Trust (CET), to take the school forward and onto the next stage of its improvement journey. From January 2019, Mr David Powell, a consultant with CET, will be the interim Headteacher. He will introduce himself to you next term.

It has been a privilege to lead Ellis Guilford School over the past six years. It has been both a challenging and incredibly rewarding experience. I am immensely grateful for the support that you have given me and could not have done this job without you. Ellis Guilford is a great school in ways that are hard to measure. We have a very special ethos and our community is full of generosity and tolerance. There are so many occasions when I have been proud of our achievements. I have been inspired by the way that we come together to celebrate our successes and stand united in the face of adversity. However, there is still a lot of work to do, as you will see from the most recent Ofsted report.

In my final letter to you, there are some messages that I would like to share. Firstly, to my colleagues – I have had the opportunity to work with some fantastic staff over the years, keep on doing what you are doing and never stop caring. Secondly, to the parents and carers – your children need you; support their ambitions and remember we are on the same side so please work with us. Lastly, to the students, when the going gets tough (and it will) keep going. You have amazing potential; take the opportunities on offer; you only get one chance at secondary education – so make it count!

I hope you all have a very enjoyable Christmas break. I wish you every success for 2019 and beyond.

With many thanks,

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