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Dear Parents and Pupils

I wish to notify you of my intention to retire from the post of Head Teacher of Eastwood High School at summer 2021. By that point I will have reached the grand old age of $59\frac{1}{2}$, have been in post for 19 years and be looking forward to the next chapter in my life.

Before I took up post in October 2002 a friend advised me that if I could not be a good Head Teacher at least be a lucky one. I have been incredibly lucky to have served as a Head Teacher all these years in Eastwood High School, as this has given me the opportunity to work at close quarters with, and learn from, some of the best teachers, most talented pupils and finest parents in Scotland. It has been a privilege serving the communities of Newton Mearns, Neilston and Uplawmoor for almost two decades and I hope that during my time as Head Teacher the school has been able to facilitate and secure positive impact and improved outcomes for generations of young people.

However knowing when it is time to go is said to be the last vestige of competence. There will be a long term re-building job required to re-establish and re-energise Eastwood High School post Covid 19, and I feel that someone younger, with a new vision and more energy is required for that task. Eastwood High deserves a Head Teacher that will not simply tread water, but with ambition and drive, take the school and its pupils forward to new heights and achievements.

There is of course sadness in making this decision but I know it is the correct one for myself, my family and the school.

I remain fully committed to my role in the meantime and look forward to working with my successor to ensure a seamless transition.

Finally I would like to thank everyone in the Eastwood High School community for your support over the years; anything that has been achieved would not have been possible without that support.

Just remember Eastwood High School is not normal, it is everyone in the Eastwood High community that makes it extraordinary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Maxwell".

Stuart Maxwell

Head Teacher



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