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Dear Parent / Carer

After over 20 years in this school community, starting as Principal Teacher of Performing Arts at Penilee Secondary / Crookston Castle Secondary in 1999, to becoming Headteacher in 2011, I have made the decision to move on from the Headteacher role Rosshall Academy. This has been a difficult decision for my head and for my heart, but I believe the time is now right to move to a new challenge.

You will be aware that I am currently seconded two days a week with the University of Glasgow, teaching and researching leadership preparation and development. While I love my job as Headteacher, I have always known this current dual role isn't sustainable in the long term. As such, I will be finishing as Headteacher at the February break (Friday 11th February 2022) and continuing my work with the University, alongside other leadership development work with Glasgow City Council. I will also be reducing to 0.8 FTE (four days a week) to have time to focus on further academic studies for my PhD.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of the Rosshall Community, as Principal Teacher, Depute Headteacher and for the last 11 years as Headteacher. I will miss the young people and the staff enormously. I am so proud of our community's successes and achievements, and our collective determination, courage and care, particularly during the recent (and ongoing) challenges of the pandemic. The job will be advertised after the Christmas break and my successor will be fortunate to have the same privilege of leading an outstanding community of staff and young people, through many new challenges and opportunities in our continuous improvement journey. I know the school will go from strength to strength.

The parent council will be fully involved in the recruitment of my successor and Mr Donnie McLeod, Area Education Manager for schools in the south of Glasgow, will be in touch with the chair of the Parent Council to organise this process.

Thank you all for your immense support during my 11 years as Headteacher. I have previously taught many Rosshall parents and carers and, having spent the majority of my career to date here, I have wonderful memories that will stay with me for ever. I could not have asked for a better school community to lead.

I will send out the end of term update on Wednesday 22 December, when the school finishes for the Christmas break at 2.30pm.

Meantime, I wish you and your families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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