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End of Year Headteacher Letter

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Whether as parents, carers, grandparents, family members or friends of the school, your support has played a vital role in helping our children thrive and in making Gamston St Peter's the special community that it is.

This year has been filled with many wonderful moments. We have celebrated achievements in the classroom, on the sports field, on the stage, at church and within the wider community. Our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, determination and kindness, and they continue to make us incredibly proud. Their energy, curiosity and compassion are at the heart of everything we do.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our remarkable staff team. Every member of staff works tirelessly to provide the very best for our children, often going above and beyond in ways that are not always seen. Their dedication, care and commitment have a profound impact on our pupils each and every day, and it has been my privilege to work alongside such talented and compassionate colleagues.

Our governors, volunteers, members of the PFA and wider school community also deserve special recognition and thanks. The time, expertise and support that you freely give enriches the lives of our children and strengthens the partnership that exists between school and home.

As many of you know, this letter is particularly significant for me, as it will be my final end-of-year letter as Headteacher of Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School.

When I joined the school in April 2022, I knew there was tremendous potential within our community. Since then, I have had the privilege of working alongside staff, governors, pupils and families to help the school move forward and realise that potential. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes and built upon the strong foundations that make Gamston such a special place.

Over the past four and a half years, the school has undergone considerable change. We became part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Multi-Academy Trust, secured a Good judgement across all areas from Ofsted, achieved an excellent SIAMS outcome, strengthened our curriculum, improved our learning environments and welcomed increasing numbers of families into our community. Most importantly, we

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have built a school that places children at the centre of everything it does and one that is increasingly recognised for the quality of education, care and opportunities it provides.

However, when I look back on my time at Gamston, I know that it will not be inspection outcomes, data or school improvement plans that I remember most fondly. It will be the children.

I will remember the smiles at the school gate, the excitement before performances, the laughter on residential, the conversations in corridors, the determination shown when learning something new and the countless moments of kindness that have reminded me every day why working in education is such a privilege. Watching children grow in confidence, develop their talents and flourish as individuals has been the greatest reward of all.

I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together. The progress the school has made is not the achievement of one person, but the result of a community working together with a shared commitment to giving every child the very best start in life. For that, I will always be grateful.

As I leave, I do so with complete confidence in the future of Gamston St Peter's. The school is blessed with exceptional staff, supportive families, dedicated governors and, most importantly, wonderful children. The future is bright, and I know the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

To those families who are leaving us this summer, thank you for allowing us to be part of your children's journey. I wish you every success and happiness in the years ahead. Once part of the Gamston family, always part of the Gamston family.

Finally, thank you for the trust, kindness and support that you have shown me throughout my time as Headteacher. It has been an honour to serve this community and a privilege to lead this wonderful school. Gamston St Peter's will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will leave with immense pride, gratitude and many cherished memories.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and every blessing for the future.

With sincere thanks and very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edwards'.

Mr Chris Edwards
Headteacher

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