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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to share with you the news that I will be leaving Montsaye Academy in December 2023. I have enjoyed working, even for a short time, with a new team of leaders and a staff body who care deeply about the young people of Montsaye. It has been a difficult decision to make but I have come to the conclusion that my skills and talents are needed elsewhere, and so with a heavy heart, I write to say farewell to the Rothwell community.

Students, staff, parents and carers at Montsaye Academy are really very special and it has been a complete privilege to serve you as your Principal, even if for a short time. I am extremely proud of the improvements we have introduced at Montsaye and your own ongoing support has been crucial. Your support and commitment has meant that we have been able to quickly improve our routines, learning and behaviour and I hope you and your child are proud of the distance we have travelled. I would ask that you speak to your child about this news and reassure them that they continue to be at the centre of all that Montsaye does; as such everyone in school remains completely focused and committed to ensuring every child receives a good education.

Pathfinder Schools will oversee the recruitment of a new Principal and any interim arrangements that may be put in place from January 2024. Although I will be sad to be leaving Montsaye Academy, I am confident that Pathfinders will appoint an excellent successor who will continue to improve our school. I know Pathfinder Schools place a great priority on working closely with parents and carers so that everyone will help ensure the school goes from strength to strength in the coming months and years. I have every confidence that the senior leadership team and staff, with the wholehearted commitment shown by the Pathfinder Executive Team will support further development.

Finally, I wanted to again thank you for your support and reiterate that Montsaye's focus remains unchanged as the staff body strive to further improve the school for the community it serves.

I wish you and your loved ones well.



Mrs Deb Wilson