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Dear Parents

It is with great reluctance that the Governing Body has accepted Mrs Dyer's resignation as Headteacher. I am therefore writing with much sadness to advise you that Mrs Dyer will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term. She joined Ashford CE as Headteacher seven years ago and under her leadership the school has been transformed. It is safe to say that the school has gone from "grey" to "sky blue" not only in the change of uniform but also in the whole school experience and vision. We have been so fortunate to have her ambition and drive for raising standards as well as her passion for the ethos and Christian values which has made Ashford CE the outstanding church school that it is today.

When Mrs Dyer joined the school it had only ever been graded in the history of Ofsted as "satisfactory" and it is a testament to the quality of her leadership that we can now proudly state that Ashford CE is a "Good" School. Mrs Dyer has decided that this is the right time for her to explore new challenges and I am sure she will share her plans for exciting new adventures with you during the summer term.

The Governing Body will now be focusing on appointing a suitable successor. We know that Mrs Dyer will be a hard act to follow but I want to assure you that we believe wholeheartedly that given the excellent reputation of our school we can attract the very best applicants.

At this point we would like to seek your views on what we should be looking for in a new Headteacher. A suggestion box will be on the counter in the school office for you to post your comments or you can email your thoughts to me through the normal school email. We obviously need to move forward quickly and so please can we have any views by the end of the day on Friday 9 March 2018. We will also be involving the pupils and staff so that together we can ensure that we find the right person to continue the amazing work that was started by Mrs Dyer and her team.

I do realise that change is always unsettling and so again please be assured that we will endeavour to maintain continuity and continue with our drive for excellence throughout the transition period.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Dyer for her commitment, tremendous hard work and for her continued passion for education.

Yours sincerely

Phil Wells
Chair of Governors

