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Dear Parents

Message from the Head of School

As you will be well aware, The Suthers School is founded upon the principle that character education is ranked alongside academic preparation and that one of the unique features of our school is its commitment to fostering and developing the five key strengths of tenacity, optimism, respect, curiosity and hard work.

As the school's founding head teacher, I am immensely proud of the successes we have achieved and of the commitment each and every member of our community has shown in helping to make The Suthers School a school of choice for the families of Newark.

As we look ahead to the start of the new academic year however, I am writing to inform you that further to my work as Head of School, I have secured an opportunity to undertake research and further develop strategic leadership of character education in schools. I will remain closely connected with the school and the wider Trust but after long and very careful consideration, I have taken the decision to step back from headship at this time in order to pursue this exciting opportunity to help realise my ambition to really impact this agenda on a broader scale.

This means that from September 2021 I shall pass the privilege of leading this school on to someone new and will be working closely with the Trust and its executive team to ensure that the new Head of School is in the strongest position possible to build on our successes and achieve our ambition of being a truly amazing school.

I will of course be in touch again to provide you with any further updates regarding the appointment of a new head but would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to you all for your support since 2017 and for all of the ways in which you have contributed to our successes to date.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andrew Pettit
Head of School