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Dear Parents and Carers.

I am just letting the wider school community know that I will be finishing as Head Teacher of Ghyllside School at Christmas this year.

After 33yrs full time teaching, 18 as a Head Teacher, (of which 10 been at Ghyllside,) it is time for me to do something else in education. This is not a snap decision, it has always been an outline plan to finish Headship at this point to allow a new challenge, more time and different responsibilities for the remainder of my career. I am very proud of my time at Ghyllside and working with the amazing team here which has continued to ensure that we have remained, through thick and thin, one of the best respected and most popular primary schools in Kendal which provides so much for our children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, past and present, for your support and help in the time I have been here.

It might feel odd for me to be announcing this seven months before I finish, but I feel I need to do this to facilitate continuity for Ghyllside. A Head Teacher contractually needs to give a term's notice, therefore if an in-post Head Teacher is appointed as my replacement, that person will need to give their notice by this September to start in January 2027.

In terms of what I do next there are a few opportunities that I am exploring which will keep me working in education next year and beyond (don't worry – not Ofsted!) I am not retiring. However the change will allow me more time to give to family, and in particular aging parents, as well as doing more of the things I enjoy.

I am more than happy to talk to anyone about the thoughts behind my decision and what I may do next if people feel they would like to have that discussion.

Kind regards



Huw Davies.

Our Mission: Ghyllside Primary School – Growing Hearts and Minds
Our Values: Inspiring Healthy Inclusive Nurturing Experiences