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Dear parents and carers

After nine successful years at the helm of Excalibur Academies Trust, it is with a mixture of emotions that I will be stepping down from my role as CEO from the end of this academic year, in order to spend more time with my family and to focus on other passions and interests.

I have been privileged to lead Excalibur from a relatively small trust of seven schools to the large and successful Trust it is today, serving almost 10,000 pupils age 2 to 18 across five local authorities. Only last September, we welcomed five new schools to the Bristol area following the merger with Gatehouse Green Learning Trust, so this is an exciting time for a new CEO to take the helm.

The Board of Trustees and Central Leadership Team are in agreement that my successor will have a substantial background in education, with strong vision, energy and determination to continue delivering excellent education to all the children in our care.

As you know, Excalibur is blessed to have dedicated, talented and compassionate staff, who work tirelessly to change children's lives and give them a better future, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

I would also like to recognise your role within the Excalibur family – without the relentless encouragement and support you show to your wonderful children, we wouldn't be the special Trust we are today.

You can be assured that I will remain fully committed until my very last day, likewise that you will be kept informed of any successful appointment.

Very warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicky Edmondson".

Nicky Edmondson

CEO