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Recruitment of new Headteacher - update

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Board promised to keep you informed about the school's recruitment of a Headteacher to replace Mrs Wheatley who will be retiring at the end of this term.

Despite our best efforts we have not yet found a suitable replacement. This has meant that we have to put in place a plan to ensure the school is adequately supported and led until we are in position to recruit again.

We plan to restart the recruitment cycle beginning in the spring as we have been advised that this is the best time to carry it out. Providing we are successful, we hope to be in a position to appoint a new Headteacher for September 2025.

To get us to that position we have asked Mrs Gaskill, the current Deputy Headteacher, to step up to the role of Interim Headteacher of the school. Mrs Wheatley has agreed to be retained on a reduced hours agreement **as a consultant** but will relinquish the role of Headteacher; **she will continue to be part of the leadership team**. This, we feel, is the best course of action to take; it will maintain the excellent progress that is being made across the school and, being mindful of the needs of the pupils and staff, will provide the maximum amount of continuity.

In the meantime, the Board will redouble its efforts in seeking out a Headteacher who is right for our school.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Tony Stevens
Chair of Governors