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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of the new school year.

I'm getting in touch to update you on a few developments in the Trust.

Firstly, Dr John Smith has been granted some leave by the Trust for personal reasons for a period of time. At this stage I am unable confirm how long this absence will be, but I will update you when I know. In his absence, Trustees are looking to appoint a temporary replacement to the Chief Executive role. As soon as we know who it is, you will be informed. In the meanwhile, Trustees have asked Sam Coates, Deputy Chief Executive: Chief Operating Officer, and Dylan Davies, Deputy Chief Executive: School Improvement, to act up and lead the Trust day to day, reporting directly to the Trustees.

Secondly, following the resignation of our Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Kelly Johnson, we have appointed Andi Brown as interim CFO. In response to concerns raised with Trustees last term, we have arranged a review of how the Trust distributes its funding, supported by the Department for Education. Andi has already started to work with us and will be discussing his proposals with your Principal in the near future. Once these have been agreed, they will be shared with you.

With best wishes for a happy and successful start to the term.

Siobhan Denning

Interim Chair of Trustees

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