



29th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, our current Headteacher, Mrs Kate Takashima, has decided to take early retirement at the end of this school year. Mrs Takashima has been our Headteacher for 12 years and she will leave behind a school with many great attributes. As a Governor, what has impressed me most is the school's set of values – it truly is a caring and friendly environment where every child is valued.

The Governing Body have recently met to discuss the Headteacher vacancy and have decided not to start the recruitment process immediately. Given the notice periods required from existing Headteachers, we felt that a larger pool of candidates was likely to be achieved by recruiting for a January 2022 start. Being able to take this decision is testimony to Mrs Takashima's ability at building a distinctive and lasting culture at the school, her succession planning, and the quality of the staff she will leave behind.

Governors have full confidence in the ability of the current Senior Leadership Team and all staff to continue to move the school forwards in this interim period. Therefore, Mrs Bailey will continue to be Acting Headteacher and Mrs McCann will continue to be Acting Deputy Headteacher until a new Headteacher is in post.

Best wishes

John Cresswell
Chair of Governors