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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a significant staffing change.

As you are aware, Mr Slater secured a role within the Local Authority as a primary school headteacher. This term, he has been working between the two schools. I have been in school to support the leadership team during this transitional stage. Mr Slater was due to leave Westdale at Christmas.

Our trust has agreed to release Mr Slater early to enable him to take up his headship full time. His last day in school will be the 30th September 2022. When Mr Slater leaves, I will increase my time in school. I will become the acting headteacher. Our trust will be working closely with the leadership team to ensure continuity.

The advert for a new headteacher is live and we are hoping to appoint before the October half term holiday. I will keep you informed of any developments.

Mr Slater has been at Westdale Junior School for 14 years. He has contributed significantly to the life chances of many children, and I know that he will be missed.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing him well for the next exciting chapter in his career.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

DM Chambers

Dr Donna Chambers