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Dear Parents and Carers

Update regarding Mr Jason Matthews, Headteacher.

You will recall that I wrote to you in February to inform you of Mr Matthews' intention to leave the school at the end of July. I am now able to provide you with some further information.

Mr Matthews has secured a new job in Hampshire and has formally resigned. I have accepted his resignation and the recruitment process can now begin in earnest.

The governors are working with advisers from Kent County Council to fill the Headteacher position. In line with the formal process we are aiming to advertise in June and interview in July with a start date of January 2018. This will mean an interim arrangement between September and December 2017.

I am pleased to inform you that our Deputy Headteacher, Miss Jenny Baker will step up into the Headteacher position for this period. Her extensive knowledge of the school, and experience in the Senior Leadership Team, gives her a strong foundation to provide consistency for the pupils, staff and parents at the beginning of the new academic year. Miss Baker will be supported by a local Headteacher who will act as a mentor. An internal campaign for an interim Deputy Headteacher will begin shortly.

The school leadership team, supported by the governing body, continues to work towards the current school priorities for the remainder of this academic year. Our Inset days in June, when we will collaborate on next year's priorities, will build on this work to take The Discovery School forward in its development.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Matthews every success in the next stage of his career, and I will keep you updated with any further developments during the remainder of the school year.

With best wishes,

Mrs Catriona Stringer
Chair of Governors.



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