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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have been aware, we have recently been undertaking the responsibility of recruiting for a new Head Teacher at St Paul's. The recruitment process to appoint a new Head Teacher has been rigorous and followed protocols laid down by SUAT, our Multi Academy Trust.

Over the last few weeks, Governors have undertaken a process of shortlisting potential candidates ready for the formal interview day which occurred this week.

The formal interview day included a variety of tasks for the candidates to complete. During the day, children and staff were involved with the tasks that were set. At all stages, Governors were supported by several representatives from SUAT including the Deputy CEO, two Executive Leaders and a representative from HR.

From a strong field of candidates, the Governors are delighted to announce that Mrs Richards was appointed as the new Head Teacher of St Paul's from September 2023. Mrs Richards has shown, over the time that she has been with the school as Assistant Head Teacher, that she shares the vision of the school, and is determined to continue to develop the school further. She has an excellent relationship with children and staff and has made a huge impact in supporting Miss Roberts, ensuring that standards have risen so that children enjoy their time at the school. Mrs Richards has worked closely together with Miss Roberts and the staff to form a successful team and Governors are convinced that Mrs Richards will provide the continuity needed to maintain these high standards and develop them further.

She has a clear vision on how to continue to move the school forward, particularly by involving parents and the local community even more in some very exciting ways. During the next school term Mrs Richards will continue to work alongside Miss Roberts and make the positive transition into her new role. We would like to thank Miss Roberts for all her continued support, not only during the recruitment process, but also during the final term of this school year as we move to building for the future.

The Governors would like to congratulate Mrs Richards and wish her every success in her new role.

Kind regards,

The Governors of St Paul's School