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Dear parents and carers,

Since we announced that Mrs Baker had sadly resigned from her post and would be leaving at the end of this term, the school's governing body has been working hard to secure a permanent replacement for her. We have run two full rounds of recruitment but, unfortunately, these have not resulted in an appointment being made.

We will continue with the process in September, with the aim of finding a permanent headteacher who can start in January 2024. (Teachers who are currently employed, can only give notice at certain times in the term, so January is now the earliest that someone could start). We appreciate your patience and would like to reassure you that we are absolutely committed to finding the right person to build on the great work that Mrs Baker and the school team have achieved.

While we haven't found a suitable candidate for the permanent role, we are delighted to announce the interim solution for the period September through to December. We are very fortunate to have secured the services of two very experienced headteachers who will share the role. Grace Slater was most recently the interim headteacher at Grandpont Nursery School, and prior to that was the headteacher at Radley CE Primary School. Paul Atkins is currently an educational consultant for Oxfordshire County Council and prior to this has done a number of interim and permanent headteacher roles.

Mrs Slater will work on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mr Atkins will be here Wednesday to Friday. A full handover from Mrs Baker is already underway and will continue into the holidays. The school will be in very safe and experienced hands, and both Grace and Paul are committed to our vision that, building on the strong foundations we have, even more can be achieved by our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support for our school and we wish you all an enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards

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