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Dear Parents, Staff and CHIS Stakeholders,

As I am sure you are aware Jacky Halton, our outstanding Headteacher, will unfortunately be retiring at the end of this school year. As I mentioned in my last letter, it is the responsibility of the Governing Body to appoint a new Headteacher who will continue to deliver the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction and maintain the outstanding performance of the school.

The process to select a new Headteacher is going well. Governors developed a School Information Pack, as part of the full job advert and to showcase the school, which is currently available on the Vacancy information page at the following link: <https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/91241/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRyaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVI>. (select *School Information Pack* under attachments. Panel members have been selected from the Governing Body and we have completed various training to ensure we are fully prepared for the upcoming Selection process. The Selection process is well established so we are following a detailed method and are also receiving guidance and support from Local Authority experts.

I would like to reassure all CHIS stakeholders that the Governors are working hard to ensure that we select the right candidate for the role – we will not appoint unless we have someone ideally suited. If and when we do appoint, assuming a successful Selection process, the Governing Body will work to minimise the impact of the change in Headteacher.

Whilst Jacky retiring will be a huge loss to the school community, she has built a fantastic team who I am absolutely confident will support the new Head. In addition it is important to note that, whilst the Headteacher will change, the school strategy, ethos, culture, staff and Governors will remain to ensure continuity and minimise impact on the children's' learning journey.

As soon as I am able to communicate further details on the process, I will.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Hodges'.

Phil Hodges
Chair of Governors