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Dear Parents, Carers and School Governors,

As you will know, James Gentile has been acting as Head teacher of Stuart Road since January 2021. James has been very ably supported by Britta Nicholls who has been acting as Head of School. I have been very pleased with the positive feedback that I have received from parents and Governors about the new leadership team and would like to thank James and Britta on behalf of the Stuart Road school community.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that James was recently interviewed for the post of Executive Head teacher of Stuart Road. This arrangement now secures the leadership of the school and enables us to plan for the future. James will work with me to agree a plan for appointing the Head of School.

James is currently working with Britta to ensure we have robust arrangements in place to start the new academic year with real ambition for the Stuart Road community. This includes appointing some new staff and ensuring the links with Goosewell are developed further and strengthened. I have received extremely positive feedback from staff at Stuart Road regarding the support they receive from working and collaborating with colleagues at Goosewell. The arrangement provides excellent support for staff working in a small one form entry school.

Many parents will have already met James and Britta. I have recently visited the school myself and have found both pupils and staff on good form and well supported by James and Britta.

If you have any concerns or need to raise issues with the school leadership, please contact the school office. Please do be certain to give us feedback as this is most valuable.

Best wishes

Mark Elms

Director of Education
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