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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you to inform you that sadly Liz Sanger has been successful in gaining a new position at St Martins School from September, equally James Mather is also relocating. In ordinary circumstances we would leave this to colleagues to share this news individually however as two key leaders in our school community are leaving at the same time, I feel it appropriate to re-assure you that plans are in place to recruit to both positions.

We anticipate to be able to share with you before May Half Term appointments to both the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher; we understand that this may cause you some anxiety and change is always unnerving but the strength of our Collaboration, should ensure the right support for you and your child.

I want to also use this opportunity to thank both Liz and James for their hard work and commitment to Kingsmead School. Liz has been a member of our school community in a variety of rolls for the last 10 years, which is an incredible amount of time to serve in one school; not only that she has had a demonstrable impact both in the curriculum area she led and more recently as the leader and Headteacher of the School. James equally, though a shorter period of time, has had a huge impact on the young people he has interacted with as Deputy Headteacher.

I thank them both for their hard work, dedication and living the values of 'never giving up'

I will write to you again as we appoint a new Headteacher, due to safer recruitment processes, this may be some time

Yours sincerely

Mike Pride
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