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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and for making the start to term such a successful one. I am also writing to inform you of a small change that will be in place at Selwood for the remainder of the academic year.

Some of you will be aware that Mrs Carswell will not be able to continue in her role as Head Teacher at Berkley First School. This is an unfortunate development both for Mrs Carswell and for their school community. In response to this situation and our commitment to working with the community and letting everybody's light shine, we have agreed that for the remainder of the academic year, I will take on the role of Executive Head Teacher across both schools

I understand that a change in leadership structure can sometimes raise questions, so I want to be absolutely clear and reassure you that this support will have no negative impact whatsoever on the day-to-day running, educational standards, or community focus of Selwood Academy. I will maintain overall leadership of Selwood and remain fully committed to working with all my heart to ensure that Selwood Academy provides the best quality of education possible. To strengthen our leadership capacity and ensure we continue to uphold our high standards, Mr Finlay will take on the role of Interim Head of School for the remainder of the academic year. We will continue to work closely together to support the school community, and to ensure that Selwood Academy continues to thrive.

Over the past few years at Selwood, I have had the privilege of supporting more than 40 schools with school improvement, often entrusting the day-to-day leadership of Selwood to Mr Finlay and our excellent senior leadership team. This arrangement will continue as I extend my support to Berkley First School, while also remaining fully committed to leading Selwood forward and ensuring that every member of our community is empowered to be their best. This change does not impact our drive to increase our age range or our ongoing process of joining Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership (MNSP). Selwood has always had a close relationship with Berkley First School, with their pupils joining us in year 5. This is an exciting opportunity to help others and let more children's light shine as well as strengthening our community.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school email selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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