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Dear Parents and Carers

I shared with you last term that our Headteacher, Helen Johnson, was absent and that we had put in place an interim management solution.

I can now inform you that Mrs Johnson has left the school, we thank her for her service and wish her well for the future.

The management of the school, will remain as I outlined in my last letter. Mr Mee will be Head of School, he will manage and lead the school on a day-to-day basis. I will continue to be Executive Head and my role is to support and guide the operations of the senior team as we move into this new and exciting era for the school.

My observation is that we have a school which is full of lovely children with engaged, thoughtful and caring parents. However, like all schools we have a small number who disrupt and damage the environment and education of others. This year we have worked tirelessly to support all our children, including those who challenge, but we will not let our responsibility to the vast majority who want to learn be undermined by a small number who cannot meet the expectations of mainstream education.

We have been firm but fair in how we have handled indiscipline but the outcome has been that we have had to exclude a number of children. We do not do this lightly; we give multiple chances, we support, accommodate and amend, but a line has to be drawn. Continued disruptive behaviour has to have a consequence, to not do so would be to allow the very poor behaviour of a tiny number to seriously damage the education of the vast majority. We have drawn our line, are confident in holding it and will not retreat from it. We will hold fast in our resolve to ensure that your children are able to enjoy the best environment for learning, growth and enjoyment.

I am proud of what the school and the children have achieved in the last five months and am very confident that we will continue to develop opportunities and expand and enrich the school experience for them.

You will be aware of some of the curriculum and extra-curricular initiatives that have and are being put in place. We very much appreciate the support you have given these and look forward to widening opportunities for you to do so in the future.

Mr Mee will be in touch shortly to outline some of the next steps in our continuing journey to deliver the educational environment and opportunities that your children deserve and that you want them to have. Your support in these is critical.



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Education is the precious gift that we can give young people, as parents, teachers, support staff and leaders we all share in our responsibility to deliver the right support and environment that allows this gift to be realised. This School will deliver that, no matter the challenges we face and the difficulties that some put in our path, that is our promise and our commitment to you and this community.

I look forward to sharing the next stages of our journey together and assure you that the school has the senior team and staff to deliver, and with your support that is exactly what we will do.

Yours sincerely

Mike Kilbride
Executive Head