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Cultivating Respect, Persevering, and Learning with Courage

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and you are hopeful for an encouraging year ahead for our children.

Governors appreciate that last year was a challenging one for our school community; as we start a new year, we are mindful of the difficulties of the past and invite you to join with us in reflecting on how we will jointly live up to our school values of **Respect, Perseverance and Courage**. For the success of our school and the happiness of the children, we will all need to put our energy into what happens next and not what has happened. We know that it takes a whole community to educate and equip a child and so our shared efforts and support will be vital to for the prosperity of our school as a place of learning and growing together.

We know that the community is concerned about not having consistent leadership in the school and we can confirm that Grant Mottram will be with us until Easter. He will be working for 3 days per week as the Head Teacher and will be supported by Hayley Leyshon-Bradey (a Leadership and Curriculum specialist) for 2 days a week. The team will be supported further by Julie Sellers (SEND and behaviour specialist), who will be working for 2.5 days a week. These changes, along with the re-establishment of the school Senior Leadership Team, mean that we now have a solid and consistent leadership structure for at least the next three months.

We also want to reassure you that we are continuing to work vigorously on the stabilisation of the longer-term organisation but, as we are sure you can appreciate, are not currently in a position to share specific details.

We will keep you updated on the work we are doing and confirm the date of the community meeting (which we are hoping to hold in January) with you shortly.

As always, the first point of contact for parents and carers concerning your children is the class teacher and thereafter the head teacher, Grant Mottram. Staff and volunteers should direct queries to Grant as well. If you have any questions about governance then please contact the Chair of Governors – Tim Owen – via the school office.

Many Thanks,

Board of Governors