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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote on 27th March to advise you of the interim leadership arrangements and advised I would keep you updated on any further developments.

One of the Board of Governors' three core functions is to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. You may recall that parents (as well as staff) were consulted about the School's vision in early 2014, and that earlier this year a target was set of reaching 'outstanding' by 2020 (as judged by Ofsted). To identify how to achieve such an ambitious target the Board held a Governors' Day on 13th April and this provided an opportunity to review the different school model and leadership options available. To follow up, on 11th May the Board recognised that to demonstrate due diligence some in-depth research would be required and may take some time to complete; and that this would have an impact on planning for 2015-16. As a result, the Board approved a decision to continue with the existing, interim leadership arrangements until the end of the next academic year. This means that George Samios will continue as the Interim Headteacher and Kath Patterson will continue as the Interim Deputy Headteacher until 31 August 2016. The school is currently in the process of recruiting new teaching staff to ensure that everything is in place for September 2015. Please rest assured; I will continue to keep you updated with any developments.

Finally, I am delighted to see that the full Ofsted inspection report published last Friday recognised the significant improvement in governance and its positive impact upon leadership and management. I wish to thank and congratulate the governors who, as busy volunteers, have worked so well together as a team to drive school improvement. Equally, and on behalf of the Board, I wish to publically thank and congratulate all staff for their dedication and contribution to achieving an overall judgement of 'good'. Particular thanks and recognition must however go to the Interim Headteacher who has stepped up and worked incredibly hard to address the strategic leadership issues identified during Ofsted's last monitoring visit on 21 November 2014; and to the Interim Deputy Headteacher who, with SENCo support, has achieved an 'outstanding' rating for the School's early years' provision. I am confident that by working collaboratively governors, staff and parents will enable 'good' to become a springboard to 'outstanding' by 2020! As always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Emery (National Leader of Governance)
Chair of Governors

