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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, Mrs Farnell is retiring from her post as Headteacher at the end of this academic year (July 2020). She will be greatly missed, but has now decided to spend more time with her family and her new dog, Mabel.

Since January 2020 school governors, and external advisors from the Local Authority have been working hard to appoint a new Head teacher at Allanson Street. We wanted to appoint someone who had experience, ambition and drive and who would be empathetic to the needs of children and parents at Allanson Street.

However, following two advertisements and a very rigorous selection process, we could not identify anyone who we would have been happy to appoint at this time.

Our quest to find a new Head teacher continues but, in the meantime, we have asked our current Deputy Head, Mrs Lynsey Dingsdale, to act as interim Head teacher. When asked if she would be willing to take on this role, Mrs Dingsdale commented that she would, "be delighted".

Although Mrs Dingsdale did not pursue an application for the Headteacher position, she has spent many years teaching at Allanson Street and has shown great leadership in her time as Deputy Head. The governors, therefore, have confidence that, in the interim, she will be able to lead the school very well.

With the disruption that Covid 19 has brought over the last few months, the first few weeks / months of the Autumn term might be difficult to navigate but I am sure that you will offer your support and understanding to Mrs Dingsdale and all of the staff at Allanson Street when school resumes in September.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Stay safe

Angela Lashley
(Chair of governors)