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Dear Parent/Carer

With only one term to go before we wrap up this academic year, I would like to share with you some exciting developments awaiting our West Grantham community.

Following a rigorous and extensive search for a new headteacher, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Smyth as our new Head of School. As you all know, for many years Mrs Smyth has been an instrumental figure in driving the school and its community forward, with qualities that are required to take the school even further to the next stage. She is an experienced and dedicated teacher with utmost compassion to all others around her as well as strong leadership skills. We could not find any better person than Mrs Smyth to lead our ever-evolving school to its exciting future ahead. Mrs Smyth will be ably supported in her new role by Mrs Drury who has been promoted to the post of Deputy Head.

Both Mrs Smyth and Mrs Drury will start their new roles after the May half-term holiday. Please join me in congratulating them on their appointments, I am confident that together they will continue to drive forward improvements in our schools. I am sure you agree that this is a really positive step forward for our school, providing consistent, high quality leadership.

In addition to this appointment, I am also delighted to introduce to you our new SENCO, Mrs Pendleton. She is a vastly experienced SENCO who will be working across both Primary sites as well as at our Secondary academy. As this is a shared role, Ms Weston will continue in her role as assistant SENCO and will be on hand daily for you to contact as she is currently.

Another exciting development I would like to share with you is that we are planning to extend the building on our infant site to accommodate all junior children in the 2023/24 academic year. This means that for the first time in the history of the West Grantham academy all children and members of staff will be together on one site. This is great news for the school, and the work is expected to start in the next academic year.

With this in mind, from September 2022 new Year 3 and Year 4 children will be on the infant site. This means that we will have children from Nursery to Year 4 together on one site. And in September 2023, all children including Year 5 and Year 6 will be fully based on the infant site.

Whilst Mrs Smyth will be in charge of day-to-day operations as Head of School, I will remain as Executive Principal and continue to support Mrs Smyth with the strategic direction of our school, our staff and the incredible West Grantham community.

I trust that you will find those new developments exciting. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half-term holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Martin
Executive Principal