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Dear parents and carers,

### **Appointment of the new headteacher at The Arthur Terry School**

As we approach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous impact and dedicated service of our current headteacher, Sam Kibble. I am aware that Sam has informed you of her promotion to a new trust role that she will start in January but as the CEO of this trust, I want to acknowledge Sam's excellent leadership and unwavering commitment to our school during her tenure. As one of the then co-headteachers at Arthur Terry School, I appointed Sam to the role of deputy headteacher. In the subsequent 9 years which saw her move to the role of associate headteacher and then substantive headteacher, Sam has been instrumental in further strengthening Arthur Terry's enviable reputation. It is not yet time for farewells, but I wanted to place on record my thanks to her for all that she has given to the community and the support she has given to the trust and to me. Sam's loyal service and tireless efforts to improve our school have left an indelible mark on our community, and I am truly grateful for all that she has given. We will miss her.

Upon Sam's news the trust set about appointing her replacement and I am delighted to announce that following a robust recruitment process, Miss Joanne Fairclough has been appointed as the next headteacher at The Arthur Terry School. Jo is currently the headteacher at Wolgarston High School in Staffordshire.

Jo brings a wealth of experience and a strong vision for our school's future. Her extensive leadership experience as a headteacher, coupled with her proven track record of improving school performance, makes her an excellent choice to lead Arthur Terry forward. Jo's approach aligns perfectly with our school's values. She believes in placing students at the heart of education and implementing evidence-based teaching and learning methods. Jo is known for being a visible and approachable leader who actively engages with the wider school community. Her participation in educational networks and government advisory groups will enrich our school's experience. We are confident that Jo will build upon Arthur Terry's existing strengths and lead our school to even greater success. Her strong focus on school culture, and maintaining high academic standards supports our school's ethos.

Notice periods for serving headteachers are longer than that of a teacher and, therefore, I am not yet able to confirm Jo's start date. Yet, as we prepare for this transition, we look forward

to welcoming Jo and supporting her in her new role. I know there will be time in due course for you to meet with her.

We are excited about the future of Arthur Terry School under Jo's leadership.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Gill', written in a cursive style.

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