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Dear Parents and Carers,

Leadership changes from September 2024

A successful year is ending, and I wanted to personally write to you to detail some changes which will be happening in the next academic year.

From September 2024 Mrs. Gemma Watts will be Executive Headteacher of Occold Primary and St Peter and St Paul, Eye Primary and Dr. Parslow-Williams will be undertaking the role of Director of the East. This will mean both schools will have the opportunity to work closer together by sharing a leadership team who are established and have worked well together in the past.

I would like to reassure you that the schools will still retain their distinctive individual identities and the same staff, but they will benefit from enhanced provision of staff working closer together on professional development and will benefit from sharing resources (for example transport costs if they are travelling to the same event and share a coach).

The schools will still have their individual school events such as Sport's Day and Nativity plays.

This is a great opportunity for both schools and the leadership staff. Both schools secured a very strong "Good" Ofsted judgement in the last inspections, and we are delighted that they will have the opportunity to work more closely together.

Both schools belong to a very supportive Trust family, and we will continue to look after our children and families moving forward. We will ensure our schools can save funds by sharing resources so that they continue to be viable and provide the highest quality of educational provision for our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Parslow-Williams for all his hard work and many years as Executive Headteacher of Occold.

I know the staff in both schools already work well together and pupils will continue to flourish under their care. Mrs Watts will be ably supported by Mrs Jarvis (Head of School at St Peter and St Paul), Miss Thornton (Head of School at Occold) and Miss Rowe who is returning from Maternity Leave.

The Governors of both schools intend to work closer together to ensure that both schools benefit from their combined expertise and skill set. This is an exciting opportunity for both schools, and I would like to thank Ms. Odile Wladon and Mrs Carol Peters our Chairs of Governors for their hard work and vision in driving the schools forward and securing their future.

I hope you all continue to enjoy the Summer Term and the wonderful events the schools are planning.

Yours sincerely



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