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Dear Parents/Carers,

We trust you have had a great start to the new year.

The governors wanted to quickly update parents on the leadership situation. As you are aware, Mrs Gilbert has stepped in to be Interim Headteacher, ably supported by the fantastic Senior Leadership Team of Miss Honeybell and Mrs Nicholas.

Mrs Gilbert is hugely experienced, having been at Bernards Heath for over 20 years. We are delighted that she has stepped up and certain that she and the rest of SLT will do an amazing job, giving us continuity and a safe pair of hands.

The process to find a new permanent Headteacher is already under way. As ever, our experienced team of governors are working closely with the local authority. As you will appreciate, we want to ensure that we find the best person to lead our school.

These things tend to take a bit longer in education than some other sectors, but we are working on it. So please bear with us. We will pass on any news as soon as we have it.

For now, we are sure you'll join us in welcoming Mrs Gilbert to her new role and continue to see the school flourish and develop under her leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Hazlehurst
Chair of Governors