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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am sure you are all aware that Mrs Robinson will be departing The Duston School at the end of the Easter break. For many of you this will be extremely sad news. Mrs Robinson has expertly led the Primary Phase since its inception some five years ago. As a school and a community we wish her the very best in her new venture and hope that she will keep in touch.

Moving forwards a new Head of Primary Phase has been appointed. We undertook a grueling interview process several weeks ago and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Loomes will be joining The Duston School and leading the Primary Phase as of September 2020. Mrs Loomes has extensive primary experience and has been a senior leader for a considerable period of time. I am certain that she will fit seamlessly into life at The Duston School and will make a very positive and swift impact.

I have been in touch with Mrs Loomes and she would like to share the following welcome with you;

'My name is Karen Loomes and I am delighted to have been appointed as the Head of Primary at The Duston School from September. I have heard only good things about the school and I am excited to be leading the next step on its journey to excellence.'

'From my experience as a senior leader, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. Parents make an invaluable contribution to children's achievements, at school, and I am looking forward to working closely with you to help our children reach their full potential.'

'On the couple of visits I made to the school, I witnessed delightful children who are well behaved and ready to learn and a dedicated team of staff who nurture and encourage your children.'

'I was hoping to visit the school during the Summer term to gain a further understanding of the school priorities so that we could 'hit the ground running' in September. Unfortunately, due to the difficult times that we find ourselves in, I am unsure if this will be possible. I hope that you are keeping yourselves as safe as you possibly can and I am truly looking forward to building strong relationships with you going forward.'

I hope this announcement helps to alleviate any concerns that you may have as parents about the future strategic direction of the Primary Phase.

Take good care.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Strickland
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