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Re: Head Teacher Recruitment Planning

Dear parents and carers

I wanted to update you on the progress we have made in the search for Robin's replacement as head teacher.

Since I last wrote to you we have found ourselves in the midst of the most significant challenge for more than a generation. Normal life has changed immeasurably. We still have a long road ahead before some form of normality is restored.

You will have heard from Robin last week that he and the staff have begun to draw up plans for a potential phased return to school for some children starting in a few weeks and subject to all indicators being positive. The governors are fully supportive of Robin and the team in this.

You will also have heard from Robin that his departure from Primrose Hill School has been deferred to the end of the autumn term. I think we are all pleased that we have Robin at the helm during these difficult times.

Nonetheless, we have started the process of finding a replacement for Robin and a sub-committee of the full governing body has been established to undertake this recruitment. We are in the process of appointing one of the country's leading specialists in head teacher recruitment to support us and we are confident that we will find a great new head teacher.

As part of the preparation works in advance of the search beginning in earnest, we will be undertaking a stakeholder engagement exercise to help us understand what the school community thinks is important in the new head. This exercise will reach out staff, children (in ways appropriate to their age) and parents and carers. We will be reaching out to you shortly so please watch this space.

Timing for the recruitment process is, as you will understand, highly dependent on the progress of the coronavirus pandemic over the coming weeks and months. We will of course be moving ahead as quickly as we can provided that it is safe to do so for all involved.

I will continue to update you as we move through the recruitment process.

In the meantime, please stay safe.

Kind regards

Gavin Davies

Chair of Governors