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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will know we have recently had an Ofsted inspection at Hemington Primary School. Despite the absence of the Headteacher and KS1 teacher, the outcome was a relatively positive one, albeit with some areas for improvement to focus on over the coming months. The letter for parents from Ofsted detailing the inspection findings will be issued in the next 3-4 weeks.

I remain anxious that the substantive Headteacher, has been absent from school for some time. It is never easy for a school to continue improving when the leader is not there day-to-day to ensure standards remain high and other strategic planning is undertaken. Last academic year, I placed Kerrie Courtier and Claire Mirams at the school to oversee it in the hope that the Headteacher would return this September. However, I am uncertain at this point when the Headteacher will return and I am therefore placing another experienced Headteacher at the school. Mr Alun Randall will start working at Hemington from next week and will remain there until Ms De-Chasterlain returns. Mr Randell is Headteacher of Midsomer Norton Primary School and has a great deal of experience of improving schools and he will provide much-needed stability and direction for Hemington.

Mrs Kerrie Courtier (The Trust Improvement Lead for Primary Schools), will work with Mr Randell to ensure all systems and standards remain high and children receive the best education possible. There may also be other members of staff from Trust schools providing help and support over the coming months.

I am sure, Mr Randell will meet you at some point to explain the areas that he will be working on with staff at Hemington. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

As a final point, Ofsted commented that the children at Hemington Primary were delightful and were very impressed by feedback from many of the parents they met. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Alun Williams
CEO

