



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Chair of Governors Announcement

As most of you will know our excellent Headteacher Gary Peat has been offered and accepted the headship of a large 11-18 school in Derbyshire starting after Easter. As well as this being a significantly bigger job (although of course in my eyes there is no headteacher role more important than that at Woodbrook Vale) it will also save Mr Peat at least an hour each day in travel time, so whilst I know he will be very sad to leave after six successful years, there was no argument we could find to change his mind. We are very grateful for his leadership of Woodbrook Vale over the last few years including the very challenging and also very successful transformation to being a consistently excellent 11-16 school, but most importantly for his role in leading the school in changing the lives of many children from our community through education.

Governors are responsible for appointing the new Headteacher, and I would like to bring you up to date on the nature and timing of this process.

Firstly, we have prioritised the appointment of the best Headteacher we can find irrespective of whether they can start immediately after Easter or in the Autumn term. This is because finding the best Head we can is paramount, and since we have excellent leadership at all levels including Senior Leaders, Heads of Years and Heads of subject areas, and indeed a very strong staff team throughout the whole school, we have no doubt that they will do a great job next term whether or not the new Headteacher starts after Easter or after the Summer.

Secondly we have appointed a specialist advisor in searching for our new Head and we are advertising the role. A good number of potential candidates have expressed interest, some of whom have already visited the school to have a look around. A panel of five very experienced governors including myself will be holding interviews later in February and we are hoping to have appointed a new Headteacher soon after half term.

When we have a confirmed appointment we will announce this and introduce our new headteacher to you.

Kind regards

Gavin Brown
Chair of Governors

