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21st March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, we are in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher for September 2017 and the second round of interviews took place yesterday.

Governors followed a very robust procedure and were supported throughout this recruitment process by representatives from the Local Authority and the Diocese.

After very careful consideration, a decision was made unanimously and with the full agreement of both representatives, not to appoint.

Many schools are facing the challenge of recruitment for senior leaders and it is the Board's responsibility to ensure that our new Headteacher is the right person, in the right place at the right time. Governors are confident that the right candidate will be appointed, in due course, for this important leadership role in our school.

As the Chair of Governors, I am already in contact with the Local Authority and the Diocese in order to identify our options for September.

At the Board meeting next week, governors will have an opportunity to discuss possible options and as soon as there is news to share, I will be in touch again.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Linda Caroe

Linda Caroe - Chair of Governors