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Dear Parents and Carers

We write to update you about progress being made to secure long-term leadership for the school to ensure current improvements are sustained. The IEB (Interim Executive Board) over recent weeks have been exploring options to ensure we have a permanent structure going forwards and leading our federation of three schools. In addition, OFSTED recognise this as an important priority after their recent monitoring inspections.

We have been fortunate to secure Miss Victoria Kirkman and Ms Rebecca Foy on an interim basis until the end of summer term, who have both been instrumental with all staff in driving forward the improvements we have seen in all our schools. The arrangement with Miss Kirkman has been made possible by the support and co-operation of the Governing Bodies at both Birstwith and Admiral Long Primary Schools. We continue to explore future leadership options with both schools.

We have decided to advertise to recruit to a permanent Headteacher for the Federation. This allows us to keep options open, and importantly to have a clear and timely plan for the next academic year.

In order to ensure that we are able to start September 2023 with a long-term solution we will need to conclude this process before the start of the Summer term. We will therefore update you again as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes

Mr Robert Ling

(Chair on behalf of the Interim Executive Board)