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17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents

I am writing to make sure you have a current picture of the Head teacher appointment procedures.

After careful consideration over the summer holidays, I have made the difficult decision to not apply for the permanent Headteacher position at Haytor View Community Primary School and Nursery. This choice was not made lightly, as I hold such deep respect and care for the children and the community. Ultimately, I believe this is the right decision for my personal and professional journey at this time. I informed the governors and staff team last week which has enabled me to support the school to plan the Headteacher interview process.

It has been a genuine pleasure being able to stabilise the school, as the Acting Headteacher and to support the school through the conversion into Connect Academy Trust. I will continue to be the Acting Headteacher across the Autumn term 2025.

In January 2026 when a permanent headteacher joins our school, I will return to my role as Deputy Head at Haytor View. I am excited about the opportunity to work alongside a new headteacher. I will continue to bring my ability to question and plan the strategic direction of Haytor View and provide challenge to make sure all staff deliver high quality child centred teaching and learning as the main priority, while preserving the unique characters of our school. Relationships continue to be the heart of our school; we have an incredibly dedicated staff team which makes Haytor View Community Primary School such a special place.

Interviews for the position of Headteacher will be held on **Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Because I chose not to apply for the role, I have been able to work with our school governors to design the interview process which allows all stake holders the opportunity to meet, talk and spend time with candidates.

Our new school council will have the opportunity to interview the candidates. Staff and governors will also observe the candidates engaged in numerous activities from staff presentations, teaching, leading an assembly to written tasks. The candidates will also be shadowing me on the courtyard across these two days, please do come and say hello.

Over the past month, myself and the governors have been completing the final legal documentation which signs the school from being a Devon Local Authority maintained school over to a Connect Academy Trust school.

The governors will keep you informed about any further changes as we head closer to 1<sup>st</sup> October which is our proposed conversion date. We understand that changes can bring uncertainty but please be assured that our priority remains the wellbeing and education of your children. Please come and talk to us if you have any questions about these changes.

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