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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share with you some forthcoming staffing and leadership changes within our school.

Firstly, it is with sadness that I let you know that Mrs Eaton will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Eaton is moving on to another school, where she is looking forward to an exciting new opportunity. I know you will join me in thanking her for the care, commitment and enthusiasm she has shown to our youngest children. She has made a real difference to the start of their school journeys, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her every success and happiness in the future and she wishes to leave you with the following message:

"I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone whom I have had the pleasure of working with during my time at Waveney Valley Partnership. St Eds holds many personal memories for me, as it was the school that I attended as a child. School was never my favourite place, and I could not wait to leave, ironic, I know! And as a result, I started out a career in education to try and make a difference, to ensure that future generations had fond memories of their time at primary school. Mendham is the school where that journey began for me, completing my Secondary School work experience with Mrs Jones in the Early Years class, returning as a teacher 15 years on. My time here, really has been a trip down memory lane. I have met lots of wonderful children and families and for that I am very grateful. "

We will update you all as soon as possible when we have news on a replacement for the position. I also wanted to share some important news regarding leadership across our partnership. As many of you know, I have had the privilege of working across two schools as Academy Head. This has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and it has been a genuine pleasure to be part of both school communities.

From 1st September 2026, the Trust will be introducing changes designed to provide greater clarity and stability for each school. As part of this, we are moving towards a "one school, one Head" model in some schools. This means that I will be stepping back from my role at Mendham Primary. While I am confident this is the right decision for the long-term benefit of both schools, it is not without a sense of sadness for me personally, as I have truly valued my time working with the staff, pupils and families at Mendham.



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I am delighted to share that Mrs Jones will become Academy Head at Mendham from September. She is a fantastic leader, and I know she will continue to support the school with care, dedication and a clear sense of direction. You may already have noticed increased presence from both of us at either site; this has been a purposeful step to ensure a smooth and well-supported transition for everyone involved.

Our schools will continue to work closely together, supporting one another just as we always have. These changes will allow each school to benefit from the daily presence and focus of its own Academy Head, which we believe will be a positive step for all our communities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding during this period of change.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Huxtable
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