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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that I write to inform you that Mrs Carr, our long-serving Assistant Headteacher, will be leaving Orchard Head Primary after 17 years of dedicated service.

Mrs Carr has been an integral part of our school community, particularly with her devotion to nurturing and educating our youngest children. Her unwavering commitment to providing strong foundations for learning has profoundly shaped the lives of countless pupils, instilling in them a lifelong love of learning and engagement.

On a personal note, I want to express my deep gratitude to Mrs Carr for her invaluable support during my time as headteacher at Orchard Head. Her kindness, wisdom, and experience have been a cornerstone of our school's development, and she will be greatly missed by colleagues, pupils, and parents alike.

Mrs Carr has accepted an exciting new role as a full-time SENDCO at a large primary school, which aligns perfectly with her passion and skill set. Whilst it is hard to say goodbye, we are delighted for her as she embarks on this new chapter. This role represents a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Carr to focus exclusively on an area that she is deeply passionate about. We wish her every success.

In the interim, while the school undertakes a careful recruitment process to appoint a new Assistant Headteacher, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Humphreys, the current Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO at Carleton Park Primary, will be joining Orchard Head on a temporary secondment, from January 2025 until the Easter term.

Mrs Humphreys is an experienced and highly regarded leader, with extensive expertise in SEND and inclusion. As a former parent of children at Orchard Head herself, she understands our school's values and ethos and I am confident she will bring both continuity and fresh perspectives to the role. Over the coming weeks, Mrs Carr and Mrs Humphreys will work closely together to ensure a strong handover. Transition sessions will be held to provide Mrs Humphreys with a thorough understanding of our school, the pupils, and the wider community.

To facilitate this transition, we are hosting a **SEND Coffee Morning** on Thursday 5th December at 9am, which will be attended by both Mrs Carr and Mrs Humphreys. This will be an excellent opportunity to warmly welcome Mrs Humphreys to Orchard Head.

I am confident that with Mrs Humphreys' expertise and the support of our dedicated staff team, Orchard Head will continue to provide the high standards of care and education that you rightly expect.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this period of change.

Kind Regards

Richard Grogan
Headteacher