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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the letter you will have received from Mr. Grogan announcing his departure at the end of this academic year to take up a new leadership post outside the Trust, I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have successfully appointed his successor in Mrs Kara Adams.

Mrs Adams is currently the serving Headteacher at one of our other high performing schools, Larks Hill Junior and Infant School. For those who may not be aware, Mrs Adams has recently led Larks Hill through an Ofsted inspection, which resulted in the school being awarded an outstanding judgment across all five areas of the Ofsted framework. As we look ahead to the future, I have every confidence that Orchard Head Junior, Infant and Nursery School and the wider community will continue to thrive and flourish under the leadership of their new Headteacher, Mrs Adams.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we are very committed to ensuring a smooth transition and handover as Mrs Adams prepares to assume the reins at her new school in September. I can assure you that maintaining the highest standards of education and support that you expect for your children will remain the school's absolute priority. I am very aware that Mrs Adams is tremendously excited and enthusiastic about assuming her new leadership role across the Trust and meeting with all the children and the parents/carers for the first time in the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'ID Shuttleworth'.

ID Shuttleworth
Executive Headteacher