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Dear Parents & Carers,

I last wrote to you on 28 January 2022 to inform you of the retirement of our Headteacher, Mrs Chrysanthou, and advise that the Governing Body would be commencing a recruitment process with a view to appoint a new Headteacher to start in September 2022.

I am delighted to let you know that we have been successful in our search and have identified an excellent candidate for Headteacher who will lead the next chapter in the life of our school.

Gavin Govinden will take up the role of Headteacher with effect from 1 September 2022 with the full support of the staff and Governing Body at Furze Field.

Mr Govinden is currently Deputy Head of a large primary school in Croydon and has held a number of different posts in education, enabling him to have an excellent overview of the challenges faced by primary schools - not just at senior leadership level but across the board.

The Governing Body were impressed with Mr Govinden's skills and experience that were put to the test during the extensive recruitment process. This included taking an assembly, meeting with our school student council, observing teaching, giving a presentation to the panel and answering an extensive list of interview questions! It was vitally important to the panel that the right candidate was found and with Mr Govinden the panel were convinced that they had identified someone who was not only knowledgeable and skilled but also a collaborative and engaging leader.

Mr Govinden will be visiting school after half term to participate in a detailed handover and transition process. If you see him at school, please do stop him and say hello – I know he is keen to meet all members of our school community.

I have attached a letter from Mr Govinden addressed to our whole school community which I am sure you will find of interest.

Best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely

Martin Buckland
Chair of Governors

