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Dear parents and carers,

Earlier this academic year Michael Barratt, the Chief Executive Officer of our trust, announced his intention to retire at the end of this academic year. Those of you who have older children will of course have very fond memories of Mr Barratt as Headteacher of The Priory. I am sure you will join me in personally wishing him a very fond farewell and a very happy retirement; it was a real pleasure to be his Deputy Head for a number of years.

The Board of trustees have since embarked on a recruitment programme to find a replacement for Michael and in so doing have considered the capacity of leadership within our trust, given our intention to grow further.

On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to announce that from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 the Chief Executive Officer for The 3-18 Education Trust will be **David O'Toole**. David is presently the Deputy CEO for The Marches Trust, having been Headteacher at Sir John Talbot's School in Whitchurch.

I am also delighted to announce that the Board appointed **Claire Jones** as part-time Deputy Chief Executive Officer (2 days per week). Claire will remain the Headteacher of Coleham School (3 days per week).

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Pope  
**Headteacher**