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## **Dear Parents and Carers**

I am writing to you to highlight some specific staffing changes which may affect not only your child but your communication with key individuals in school, from September.

Mr Stacey has requested to take a break from middle management for an academic year but will be remaining in school as a classroom teacher, in English. This has resulted in a number of key personnel changes to allow this to happen. Mr Dalgarno will be stepping up for the one year period, as Head of English. Mr Dalgarno has worked closely with Mr Stacey for a number of years and has been acting second in department while Miss Saunders-Brown is on maternity leave. So far this has been in addition to his Head of House role. However, he will not have the capacity to be Head of English alongside Head of Attenborough House.

We have appointed Mr David Byrne, one of our experienced Maths teachers as acting Head of Attenborough for next academic year. He has been a highly effective tutor during his time with us and has been working closely with Mr Dalgarno, this term to ensure a smooth transition into this role. If you child is in Attenborough then Mr Byrne will be your point of contact from September; please rest assured they will be in very good hands. Mr Byrne's current form group will be taken over by Mr Dalgrano as he steps into a tutor role.

As Mr Dalgarno steps up to Head of English, Mrs Oram will take on the second in English role until Miss Saunders-Brown returns from maternity leave.

As all members of staff are not new employees, they have been able to begin their hand over, over an extended period of time, and will continue to work closely together into the new academic year to ensure a seamless transition.

Pupils have been informed of these changes today.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Bucknall.

Kind regards

Mrs A Pope **Headteacher**