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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important change to the leadership team. As of 01/02/26, I will become Interim Executive Headteacher of Deansfield Primary School and Karen Baldwin will become Interim Head of School. We are currently advertising internally for a Deputy Head Teacher, and we will inform you of who the successful candidate is at the end of the week.

As Executive Headteacher, I will perform the role that has been provided by Sophie Powell and will also be supporting two schools in Brighton in this capacity. At Deansfield we all thank Sophie for her guidance and leadership from which both I personally, and the School itself, have greatly benefitted.

I know that both Karen and our new deputy too, are (and will be,) very excited about stepping up into their new roles, and I am looking forward to working with them and seeing their impact on our wonderful School.

I would like to thank you for how you have all worked with me in my role as Headteacher and for the strong partnership that you will build with Karen and the new deputy going forward.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Daly