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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

**Principal appointment**

As many of you know I have another role across our Trust as Director of School improvement and while I carry out my role as Director and support other schools I often delegate authority to the leadership team to operationally manage our school in my absence. To date the management of both my role as Principal of Culloden and Director has been effective and has had no impact on our pupils and pupil achievement across all key stages - last year's results are testament to this. For the forthcoming year the responsibilities of my role as Director will increase and will mean I will have less capacity to effectively manage both roles.

To ensure Culloden has consistent and effective leadership for the current year I have made the decision to step back from my role as Principal of the school, for a period of time (arrangements will be reviewed again at the end of the year). I am delighted to inform you that after a rigorous recruitment process, Tahreena Ward has been appointed as the Principal of Culloden. To support Tahreena in taking up her new responsibilities Tahreena will work closely with me and I will visit the school at least weekly as part of that role.

Tahreena is a very experienced leader who has worked as an Assistant Principal for many years at our other Trust London schools and is currently the Assistant Principal of our Nursery and Reception year groups. Tahreena will be visiting all classrooms today and holding two assemblies with me to share the news with the pupils. Tahreena will also be attending the parent/carers coffee morning this Thursday at 0900 to meet with you all informally. Tahreena is also available to meet with you as and when appropriate by appointment through the admin team.

Finally I would like to say I am very proud of what we have achieved over many years and I look forward to sharing the successes over the next year with Tahreena and you.

Yours faithfully,



Ben Carter Director of school Improvement