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Dear Parents,

Apologies for the delay in confirming the appointment of an interim Head, to cover the management of the school for the period 27th February 2023 – 31st March 2023. We have been reluctant to make details available to parents until all administration has been completed.

The Local Authority have brokered a deal with Newtown C of E Primary School Wem, for St Lucia's to second Mr Jon-Anders Rowlands for five weeks between Mrs S Woolley leaving and Miss C Coleman taking her position as Head Teacher.

Mrs Woolley has completed a series of meetings with Mr Rowlands and Mr J Rowe, our School Improvement Advisor, to ensure that the LA's protocol for handover has been completed. Mr Rowlands is fully briefed in all aspects of our school, to enable a smooth and successful transition period.

I have met with Mr Rowlands, and agreed his focus for the five weeks, which includes ensuring that parents who may have concerns, can count on his support and that of the Governing Board. Although five weeks may seem a relatively short period, there is an expectation that the process of moving the school forward, will see some gains if we all draw on the skills and experience of Mr Rowlands. The support of our children, parents, and all members of teaching and support staff will make a huge impact on how much we can all achieve during this period. The Governing Board are committed to supporting all stakeholders, in whatever way we can, as the school moves forward.

Kind regards

Howard

Howard J Barnes
Chair of Governors
St Lucia's Primary and Nursery School.