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Appointment of Head of School at Christ Church, Walshaw

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you with some important leadership changes at Christ Church, Walshaw, effective from 1st September 2025.

As you are aware, after many years of dedicated service, Mrs. Howard, will be retiring from Headship at the end of the summer term. Mrs. Howard's commitment and passion have been instrumental in shaping the school into the nurturing and successful school it is today. We are immensely grateful for her outstanding contributions and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Additionally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Hudson and Mr. Beck for stepping into the Assistant Headteacher roles at Christ Church over the past two years. Their dedication and outstanding contributions have been invaluable, and I am deeply appreciative of their efforts. Both colleagues would have been strong candidates for the Head of School vacancy but they did not wish to apply for this position on this occasion.

I am pleased to announce that we have been able to make an appointment, and Mrs. Kay James will take on the role of Head of School at Christ Church, with effect from 1st September 2025. Mrs. James is currently Assistant Headteacher at one of our other trust schools and will be known to many parents in our community as her own children are former pupils.

Mr. Martin Van Hecke will also be joining on a part-time basis as the Executive Headteacher. From 1st September 2025, he will be working across two of our trust schools.

Trustees, local governors and the staff at Christ Church are excited about the future and the continued success of Christ Church, Walshaw under this new leadership team.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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