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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to let you know that we will have some new teaching staff joining the West Park Academy team in September 2018 and some of our existing staff taking on new roles. This is an exciting time for us and I always like to look at change as positive, however with new staff joining us it means there will be some sad farewells to get through first.

Mrs Dummett, our Deputy Principal and SENCO is leaving to take up a Headship at George Dent and Borough Road nurseries. This is a wonderful opportunity for her and will bring fresh challenges. She has worked at West Park Academy for 12 years, initially in Nursery and Reception has seen countless children through that crucial first step of starting school and has ensured a happy start to school life for so many families. She has also been a huge support within the Senior Leadership Team. I know many of us will struggle to imagine school without Mrs Dummett, but I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Mrs Pressdee-Rudd is moving with her family to Japan to work in an international school there. This is a fantastic opportunity for them but we are hoping to keep in touch and link with the school. Mrs Pressdee-Rudd has brought great enthusiasm to her teaching role and has supported the wider life of the school, notably being there to facilitate the running of music.

Both Mrs Fenwick and Miss Woodcock will be on maternity leave but will be re-joining the staff team at the end of the Autumn Term. Mrs Telford will also be on maternity leave but is being replaced for the year by Mrs Johnston.

We have appointed Mrs Ford to the role of Deputy, Miss Savage will then be taking up the role of Assistant Principal and Mrs Nelson will be taking over the SENCO role. These are all valued members of our existing staff team. We are also delighted that Miss Kenshole will be returning from maternity leave. The recruitment process continues in order to complete our staffing profile for September and we will keep you informed. There are transition opportunities planned in for next term so the children will have plenty of opportunities to meet their new teacher as do parents at our Meet the Teacher events.

We wish everyone the very best of luck for their exciting next steps and thank them for their contribution to West Park Academy.

Yours sincerely

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