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Dear Parents and Carers

It was with sadness that I received a letter from Mrs Skewes informing me of her intention to retire at the end of the autumn term.

I'm sure that the whole school, past and present, will be sorry to hear of her decision. Cornelius Vermuyden has improved immeasurably under her Headship. She leaves it in a very strong position. A change of leadership is always an unsettling event, however I can reassure you that the Governors have already started the process to seek a new Headteacher. We are confident that we will find a replacement Head who will be able to continue to improve the school and provide an outstanding education for pupils attending Cornelius.

The selection process will conclude in September. We aim to be able to announce the successful candidate in time for the school's open day on 29 September. This will allow us to have the new Head in post by the time Mrs Skewes leaves and maintain continuity of leadership.

I'm sure you will join me and the other Governors in thanking Mrs Skewes for her 16 years of leadership and wish her well in her retirement. On a personal note, I have found working with her enjoyable and have always admired her professionalism and dedication to our school.

Yours sincerely

Jeffrey Stanley

Chair of Governors

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