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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know about a change for after the May half term break. One of our assistant heads, Mrs Helen Steel will be leaving Park Grove to take up an assistant headship in a larger school which is closer to where she lives.

Mrs Steel has been at Park Grove for many years and is a fantastic teacher and leader. She will be hugely missed by the staff at Park Grove who consider her a friend as well as a colleague. From a personal point of view, Mrs Steel has always been a person I can count upon and trust and I will be very sad to see her go. However, she has been given an amazing opportunity to make a difference in a school that is changing rapidly and she has the chance to shape the way it moves forward and to use her expertise to improve children's lives.

We will not be replacing Mrs Steel's role but instead will be changing the way the current senior leadership team work to ensure that our high standards continue across the whole school. The staff have known about the changes for several weeks and are fully on board with the way responsibilities have been restructured. Although the Park Grove team will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Steel, they understand that this is a great opportunity and are very happy for her.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Steel for all of her hard work, commitment and dedication to Park Grove over the years. She has supported many teachers to develop their own careers and many of our policies, practices and routines were designed by Mrs Steel and will continue when she moves on.

I know that the children will be understandably sad to say good bye to Mrs Steel and many parents will also feel the same. I hope you will join me in wishing her lots of luck, success and happy times ahead.

Congratulations Mrs Steel!

Best wishes,

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