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Dear Parent/Guardian

Headteacher announcement

We are now in the seventh year since we opened Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. I am very proud of the school and of what we have achieved together, especially during the immense challenges of the last two years.

You will probably be aware that Maiden Erlegh Trust is growing and in 2023 we are opening two new schools (River Academy in north Reading and Oak Tree special school in Wokingham). Two years ago, alongside my Headteacher responsibilities for Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, I was appointed Principal Designate for River Academy. As the River Academy project has gathered pace, there has been an inevitable impact on my time and capacity – something of which I have been all too keenly aware. The school deserves to have a dedicated, focused and full-time Headteacher to support staff and students and so the Maiden Erlegh Trust and the executive team have agreed that from September it will be time to have a new full-time Headteacher, and for me to step away from this role to focus on other work. I will not be disappearing as it is highly likely that I will provide line management and support to the newly appointed Headteacher.

Whilst on a personal level I will be very sad to hand over the Headship of the school, it will provide a great opportunity to the school for new ideas, energy and focus and, alongside some other staff team restructuring, will provide the school with extra leadership capacity and strength. We are still a young and developing school and, excitingly, it is time for a new chapter in that development.

Later today (Tuesday 15 February) we will publish the advert for a recruitment process to conclude before Easter.

Rest assured that whoever is appointed to the Headship of the school will need to demonstrate that they have what it takes, but also that they share our inclusive values and a clear vision for the school community and developing further the quality of our work. They will need to share our burning sense of conviction and mission for the highest quality of education but also an unswerving commitment the highest quality of care for our students.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support of the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher