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Dear Parents and carers,

Staffing changes from January 2022.

It is with some sadness and, yet at the same time, excitement that I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving Friars at the end of this term. From January 2022 I will be taking up a new role as Deputy Director of Education for a large Multi Academy Trust.

I joined Friars in 2007 and it has been an amazing experience leading the school. It has been such a pleasure and an honour to have seen so many children pass through the school and become decent, caring, curious and creative people. Teaching and learning is now the best it has ever been at Friars and I have nothing but pride and admiration for the children and staff. I also have utmost gratitude and respect for all the parents who have supported their children and the school over the years. It is a privilege to have been your headteacher for such a long time.

However, it is now time for me to pass on the baton as Friars moves forward into the next exciting phase of its journey. The Governing Body will be in touch with you all soon to let you know exactly what the leadership arrangements will be from January.

Friars has been a big part of my life for the last 14 years and I would just like to say I will miss you all very much. Nevertheless, there is still plenty to do and you can be rest assured that I will be fully committed to all the children, parents and staff until my last day here which will be Friday December 17th.

Yours sincerely

J. Burt

Headteacher: Justin Burt

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