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## Winklebury Federation

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Dear Parents / Carers

As you all know, Mrs Mathlin is leaving Winklebury Federation in April this year to relocate nearer her family. The Governors, with help from pupils and staff, have been busy interviewing and selecting a replacement for the school.

We are pleased to announce that a replacement has been found and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Bartlett to Winklebury to be our new Head Teacher. Mrs Bartlett is currently Head Teacher at another Hampshire school, as well as previously being a Deputy Head at Winklebury before Mrs Mathlin joined. We welcome Mrs Bartlett back to Winklebury and look forward to a new chapter in our Federation story with her. Mrs Bartlett has asked me to let you all know how pleased she is to be rejoining us as our new Head and excited to meet and work with you all.

The Governors are working closely with the Local Authority to have an interim Head in place between Mrs Mathlin leaving and Mrs Bartlett starting and we will share more details on that person in the coming weeks. Mrs Mathlin will be working with both Mrs Bartlett and the interim Head before she leaves to make the transition as smooth as possible for all of us.

I appreciate this can be an unsettling time for some, but I can assure you that everyone is working together to make sure we provide a consistent and smooth handover, and we will ensure everyone gets the support they need. If anyone has any concerns, they can always contact me, either via admin or the email address on the website. I will send out further updates as they become available and thank you all for the support as we make this change.

Thank you

Jeannette Meredith  
Chair of Governors  
Winklebury Federation