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Dear Parents/Carers

Governor Update

As we begin the New Year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families and take the opportunity to welcome and congratulate our new Headteacher, **Miss Hughlock**.

Following a thorough and carefully considered recruitment process in late 2025, the Governing Body was delighted to confirm the appointment of Miss Hughlock as our new Headteacher. The process was both rigorous and competitive, reflecting the strength of our school and the importance we place on securing the very best leadership for our pupils, staff and wider school community.

I would personally like to extend a huge thank you to the pupils for their excellent engagement throughout the process, and to the parents who took the time to share their views and feedback on what they wanted from a new Headteacher. Their involvement was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Miss Hughlock brings a wealth of experience to the role, and throughout the recruitment process she demonstrated a clear passion for education, strong values, and a deep commitment to supporting our young people. Her enthusiasm for working in partnership with parents and school staff was particularly evident at interview, as was her understanding of the vital role the school plays at the heart of the Black Dam community.

We have every confidence that Miss Hughlock's leadership will ensure the school continues to go from strength to strength. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to the school and wishing her every success as she begins this exciting new chapter with us.

Finally, I would like to offer our sincere thanks to **Mrs Otway**, who supported the school as Headteacher alongside our Deputy Head, **Mr Blake**, and to thank all parents for their support and patience throughout this important process.



Graham Fisher
Vice Chair of Governors

