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Dear Parents and Guardians

Leadership at Blanche Nevile

I'm writing to let you know that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic we have unfortunately had to postpone our recruitment of a permanent Head Teacher.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Heulwen Rees for her exceptional leadership throughout this uncertain time and to inform you that she has kindly agreed to stay leading Blanche Nevile until Summer 2021.

Although it is not certain when schools will return to normal, we are confident that we will be able to complete the recruitment process over the next school year.

The governing body are clear that the school must provide the best education for deaf children by becoming an outstanding school that is recognised as a leader in providing deaf education. It's an ambitious but achievable goal building on progress we've made since Ofsted visited at the end of 2017. We're all committed to providing a high level of support and challenge to the school to ensure we get there. Having such a clear vision, in addition to our long-standing mission to provide "the best of both worlds" means we will successfully be able to attract and appoint a new Headteacher who has the drive and capability to get us there, once the pandemic has passed.

Thank you for your continued patience with this,

Yours faithfully

Alison Miles

Chair of Governors

