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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from half term!

I am delighted to announce that Jamie Veness has been appointed as the Headteacher of The Hendreds school.

Jamie made an excellent application for the role, however both the appointments committee and ODST believed that the timing of the recruitment process, for an appointment in April, was limiting the pool of potential candidates for the post. Therefore, alongside ODST, we have decided that the best course of action is to appoint Jamie on an interim basis until summer 2021. This means the recruitment process and assessment day will be run in the second half of spring term next year and will enable a permanent appointment to the head teacher role to be made by May 2021 for a start in September 2021.

The Governors strongly hope Jamie will resubmit his application for the position then, an application which would be even stronger considering the experience of the role and the training he will have gained by that point. In the meantime, as you will hopefully all agree, we know that our pupils, the school, and its staff will be in his extremely capable hands, and we look forward to ODST investing in him and in developing him as a Headteacher and leader. I would also like to reassure you that extensive thought has already been given to making the transition from Chris to Jamie as smooth as possible, especially with the SATs tests due in May.

Please join me and the rest of the Governors in offering Jamie many, many congratulations on his appointment! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted via the school office or on chris.wheaton@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

Chris Wheaton
Chair of Governors, The Hendreds School