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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from the Christmas holidays- I would like to wish all of you a very happy new year and a successful and exciting 2020.

I have to start the new term with some unexpected news, which is that Chris Savage has decided to retire as head teacher following changes in his personal circumstances over the last year. He has therefore informed me of his decision to step down as head and leave the school at the end of this term in early April. I am sure, like me, you will be very sad to see Chris depart so soon after taking over from Liz Tansley; he was her deputy, both officially and unofficially, for many years, and had stepped seamlessly into the head's role. However, we as a Governing body understand that things have changed for Chris and support his need to bring forward his retirement, and we wish him well.

The governors and the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust intend to recruit a new head before Chris leaves and have already started the recruitment process. We expect to hold an assessment day no later than the first week of February, so that an appointment can ideally be made well before the end of the spring term. As I hope you will understand, this process has to remain confidential, but we will update you as frequently as we can.

We are committed to recruiting somebody who will lead our school into the new decade and its challenges with the school's core values at heart and our vision in mind. If any of you have comments or views that you would like to share with me, or the vice-Chair of Governors, I can be contacted through the school office or at chris.wheaton@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk, or vice-Chair Asta von Stackelberg, at asta.vonstackelberg@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank parents for their time in filling in the questionnaires at the parent / teacher interviews, we are grateful for the time and the honesty in the responses. We have been reviewing the feedback and have already been planning changes for the next few months.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wheaton