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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Staffing Update

In addition to our previously mentioned staff leaving us this academic year, we have just been informed that **Jackie, our Finance and Personnel Officer and Edita, our Family Support Advisor & Mental Health Lead** will also be leaving St John's at the end of this academic year.

Jackie started at St John's in 2019, originally on a seconded basis from Mary Mags, one of our Partnership schools. She immediately fell in love with the pupils, staff and community and made some pretty big hints about moving permanently to St John's. I have worked with Jackie for well over 10 years now and continue to admire her loyalty and commitment to the children and families she works with. After many years in the profession, she is leaving to focus on her own mental health and well-being and that of her family. We fully support her decision and wish her and her family all the very best.

Edita arrived at St. John's not too long after Jackie and has been a whirlwind of efficiency and organization. She very quickly identified the gaps in the school's administration and immediately, set about fixing them. She is a force to be reckoned with, but her warmth, loyalty and commitment to the needs of all our pupils and their families have made her a hit with all stakeholders. Edita leaves us to further develop her knowledge, understanding and skills into the work around mental health and well-being; who knows, she may be able to come back to St John's in the future under this capacity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all their hard work and commitment to the children, staff and community at St John's. We wish them all the very best for the future and as ever, remind them that the door will always remain open for them to come back and visit.

I know that this news may cause some of our community concern, however, I would like to put your minds at ease by reassuring you that we will be able to recruit the appropriate staff into the vacant positions. St John's is a wonderful place to work with a great reputation in the immediate community and further afield. We have visits and interviews already set up.

Although we have yet to officially appoint a new Family Support Advisor and Finance & Personnel Officer, I am confident that the positions will be filled before we start back in September. Both Edita and Jackie have also





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agreed to come back for a day once we have secured candidates in order to provide some in person handover to support an even smoother transition.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the senior leadership team.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Tonnie Read**

Executive Headteacher

