Wednesday 7th October 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share an update on leadership arrangements at Hartland High School.

Ms Davey, Headteacher, is expecting a baby and will begin maternity leave in December, returning at the end of her leave. I know you will join me in congratulating Ms Davey and wishing her every happiness as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

I am delighted to confirm that Ms Patel will serve as Acting Headteacher until Ms Davey's return.

Ms Patel has been Senior School Improvement Lead for Secondary at Greenshaw Learning Trust since January 2024, where she has made a significant contribution to raising the quality of education across our schools. She has led our work on curriculum development and Professional Pathways, and has supported schools on their improvement journeys, always with a focus on ensuring every pupil experiences an ambitious, high-quality curriculum. She brings extensive senior leadership experience, having previously served as Senior Vice Principal at Harris Battersea, one of the highest-performing schools in the country, where she also undertook the role of Acting Headteacher.

Ms Patel already knows Hartland High School well and between now and December, she will work closely with Ms Davey and the wider leadership team to ensure a smooth handover.

I want to reassure you that the school's priorities, standards and ambitions for pupils will not change. Our commitment to excellent teaching and a high-quality education remains the same, and we are determined that there will be no disruption to pupils' learning or to the day-to-day life of the school. Ms Patel's expertise and her knowledge of the Trust will provide strong, consistent leadership throughout this period, and the Trust will be supporting her and the leadership team every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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