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Dear Parent

As you know, Mrs Joanne Spencer, will be leaving the school at the end of this Academic Year to take up a new position as Headteacher at North Ferriby School.

Along with our Governors and Trustees, I have undertaken a process of recruitment to find the next Head of School for Penshurst Primary School. This culminated in a series of interviews prior to the half term break. As a consequence of that process, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Michelle Preston has been appointed as Associate Head of School.

Most of you will already know Mrs Preston as she is currently Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the curriculum. Mrs Preston is a highly experienced teacher and leader whose passion for the school and improving opportunities for our pupils really impressed the interview panel. She will take up the reins formally from 1 September but will begin the handover of responsibilities from Mrs Spencer immediately.

Mrs Preston will be supported in this role by our Trust Director of Learning (Primary) and senior leaders at the High School, including myself.

I know that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Preston on her success and that you will give her your full support in the role.

Yours faithfully

Mr V Groak
Headteacher

