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Dear parents and carers,

Headteacher appointment

I am writing to inform you that the transition board is making arrangements to appoint a new headteacher for our school. Mrs McCarney has done a wonderful job in moving the school forward in the last 18 months and to have been judged good by Ofsted in the summer was a splendid achievement for the whole school. Well done to everyone involved. Mrs McCarney is going to return to her full time job as the headteacher of St Michaels Junior School and Clover Hill Infant school later this year and has said she will continue to lead Dereham Junior school until the end of the summer term 2019. This gives us time to advertise for a new headteacher and carry out a selection process.

We have written an advertisement and it is appearing this month, so we hope to be receiving a good selection of applications in the next few weeks. The closing date for applications is 25th January and the interviews will be in February.

As the academy trust, DNEAT will make the appointment and together with the transition board will be involved in the interviewing panel. We will be looking for opportunities to involve parents, staff and children in the selection process. The interviews will take place on Monday and Tuesday 25/26th February and we will send out further details about how you could be included before then.

We are excited about this new phase in the School's progression and we are looking forward to appointing an energetic, inspirational and experienced person to lead the school forward into the future.

Yours sincerely,

David Lennard Jones

Chair of the Transition Board