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Dear Parents and Carers

The current situation that we all find ourselves in this country is unprecedented and for many, it is filled with uncertainty and apprehension as to how long the current state of affairs will last for.

All the Governors thoughts are with you and your families during these extraordinary times and I can assure you that school will continue to follow all Governmental advice and guidance.

Our sincere thanks is extended to the Headteacher and all her team who are working tirelessly to support the children and the community during these times and that we will remain open to look after the vulnerable children and those of key workers. The school will publish regular updates on our school website.

As you are aware the Governing Body is in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher to start at the beginning of the Autumn term. The closing date for applications was Monday 23rd March and I am delighted to advise you that there has been a positive amount of interest in the role.

Following advice from both the Local Authority and the Diocese the Governors' have decided to postpone the recruitment process once we have considered the applications that we have received for the role. The impact of this is that due to the amount of notice that the successful candidate has to give to their current school, it would mean that we would potentially be without a headteacher in September.

I know that we all need good news to cheer us all up and I am delighted to advise you that Mrs. Berkeley has very kindly offered to extend her Headship at St. Andrew's until the end of the Autumn term. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Governors. This will provide much needed stability to the whole school community which I am positive will be welcomed by everyone connected to us.

Thank you, Mrs. Berkeley for your fantastic offer, which is a strong testament to your professionalism and how much you care about the staff and pupils of the school.

Stay healthy and safe.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Bailey
Chair of Governors
St. Andrews Church of England Primary School, Marks Tey.

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