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Dear Families

Appointment of Head of School, Teddington School

I am delighted to inform you that last week the governors appointed our Senior Deputy, Ms Kathy Pacey, as Head of School. The decision was taken after an extensive round of interviews and tasks with governors, student and staff panels, and Mr Wilkinson.

Everyone involved supported Ms Pacey's appointment and were impressed with her understanding of the school and her commitment to its continued development. What particularly impressed me personally was the fact that she was unanimously supported by both of the student and the staff panels. Ms Pacey has begun her role today and as this is a seconded role, will be for one year initially.

Staff were informed of the appointment on Friday and given details concerning how the roles of Head of School and Executive Headteacher have been clearly defined.

As Head of School, Ms Pacey is now responsible for the day to day running of the school and is the most senior referral point at the school. Mr Wilkinson is her line manager and will be guiding the strategic work of the school and the development of the senior leadership team through his work with her. He will continue to be present at key school events, such as Open Days, Awards Evenings and performances and, by being on site each day, is on hand to advise on any issues that require his guidance.

There will be plenty of opportunities for parents to meet Ms Pacey during the coming term and I hope you are as impressed as the staff, students and governors.

This change in the staffing structure will have the added benefit of considerable cost savings for the school. Ms Pacey's Senior Deputy position will not be replaced.

The Governing Body are very pleased with these latest developments in the leadership structure of the school.

As we move forward in our partnership and leadership of The Richmond West Schools Trust, with Waldegrave School, we will continue to monitor the performance of the school as we always have, and be accountable for the school's work on behalf of its students and families.

Yours sincerely

Jen Johnson
Chair of Governors