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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding the Head Teacher position at Birklands Primary School.

Vanessa Farr will be leaving her post as Headteacher to take up a new opportunity within the trust as Headteacher of Forest Town Primary School from January 1st 2025. In the interim, Vanessa remains fully committed to Birklands Primary School and will continue to lead the school until the end of December.

Vanessa has done an excellent job in continuing to evolve and develop Birklands Primary School into a school where children are helped to develop academically and creatively.

In consultation with the governing board and members of the wider Nova Trust Strategic Leadership Team, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Michael Cohen as interim Headteacher from January 1st 2025.

As a highly experienced Deputy Headteacher of Birklands Primary School, you can be confident that Michael will continue to build on the school's successes, ensuring that your child receives the best education within a safe and secure environment that builds firm foundations and provides a memorable learning journey. Michael, as many of you already will know, has worked in this school for many years and as a school leader has been part of the journey to make the school successful.

Birklands Primary School is now ranked as one of the highest performing primary schools in the area, and in the most recent nationally benchmarked survey, 93% of you, our Birkland Primary School parents/carers, said that you would recommend the school to other parents. This is +18% more positive than the national UK benchmark which compares answers from over 34,000 parents and carers from schools across England.

Like all our Head Teachers, Michael will also receive support from a strong team of Nova Trust Leaders helping him and the school to continue to drive forward our mission of creating a transformational school.

I am sure you will join us in wishing both Vanessa and Michael every success as they take up their exciting new positions.

Yours faithfully,

Ash Rahman CEO