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Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, Mrs Buley will soon be beginning her maternity leave. I'm sure we are all delighted for her and wish her every happiness during this special time. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Mrs Buley for her continued dedication and leadership at Thames Valley School, which is deeply valued by pupils, families and staff alike.

I am very pleased to let you know that Mrs Wood has been appointed as Interim Principal during Mrs Buley's leave. The planned period of cover is between October and April, when Mrs Buley plans to return.

Mrs Wood is an experienced leader within Liberty Academy Trust, as part of the leadership team at Church Lawton School. She is passionate about supporting children and young people with additional needs. Mrs Wood has taught across a wide range of ages, from early years to further education, and has previously held the role of SENCo in two schools. She is deeply committed to inclusion and to ensuring every pupil has the opportunity to thrive. She also brings a strong personal connection to neurodiversity, as both of her daughters are autistic and have ADHD. To be fully present and involved in school life, Mrs Wood will be relocating closer to the school during this period.

To ensure a smooth transition, Mrs Wood and Mrs Buley are working closely together. I will also be spending more time at Thames Valley School to support the team. Our priority is to maintain consistency and stability for pupils, families, and staff, and we are confident these plans will provide that.

We hope you will join us in warmly welcoming Mrs Wood to Thames Valley School. We are excited about her time at Thames Valley School, and we all look forward to working together with you for the benefit of your children over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Education

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