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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of some news that will see some change over the next few months at Himbleton Primary School and Nursery.

As you will be aware, our Headteacher, Mrs Gemma Martin, is seconded to the Diocese of Worcester as a school effectiveness advisor for two days per week, spending the other three days at Himbleton. She has now been offered a role as Director of Education, Hereford Diocese and she has accepted this offer. We are thrilled for her to be given such an exciting opportunity but very sad to see her go, in equal measures. Mrs Martin will therefore be leaving Himbleton at the end of the Spring Term (Easter).

We are sure you will all agree that in her nearly 5 years here at Himbleton, Mrs Martin has been instrumental in implementing some fundamental positive changes at Himbleton. This impact ranges from our conversion from First School to Primary School and the building of our Year 5/6 classroom; ensuring our schools long term sustainability, to leading us through two Ofsted inspections both resulting in "Good" ratings. Our tailored curriculum offer is improved, subject leadership strengthened, and our intake numbers have almost doubled - we are in a strong position as a school within the local context. We are very grateful to her for her commitment to the school during her time here and we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in her new role.

With this change, a new exciting chapter for the school will begin. Therefore, from the start of the summer term (after Easter), we will have a temporary Headteacher for 3 days per week until the end of this school year. Mrs Wallis will remain in her role as Acting Head for the other two days. Mrs Martin will still continue to support strategically throughout the summer term undertaking specific tasks to ensure a seamless handover. Mrs Wallis also remains in her Assistant Head Teacher role. As Mrs Martin does not teach, arrangements in the classroom remain the same and the day to day impact on the children in this respect will be minimal. The children will be spoken to by Mrs Martin in Worship tomorrow. We hope that this approach will reduce the impact of this transition.

We can also confirm that the process of identifying a new Head Teacher for Himbleton has already begun, with a view to having an appointment made by the end of March for a start date at the beginning of the new term in September 2024. Further details will be shared with you as soon as possible, but if you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to speak with us.

Your sincerely

The Governors at Himbleton Primary School

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