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Dear Parents/Carers

**Executive Director of Education Appointment**

Following a rigorous recruitment process, I am delighted to announce that Andy Johnson has been appointed to the role of Executive Director of Education, working alongside Jonathon Peck, CEO Designate.

Andy has worked for the Trust for 17 years and has successfully led a variety of teams and projects, not least playing a key role in the development of Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, where he is currently Headteacher. More recently he has taken on the role of Executive Headteacher, playing a significant role in the development of the River Academy and the Trust's professional development and school-to-school support programmes.

The Board was unanimous in its decision and saw his commitment to Maiden Erlegh Trust's moral purpose and unapologetically high standards. They also saw that his clear vision for education and school improvement will ensure future development and success is achieved in the best interests of all learners and staff.

On a personal level, I should like to congratulate Andy on his new role. I am delighted that he has been given this opportunity, and I am delighted for the Trust: along with Jonathon Peck, I am certain that the Trust is in the best hands and look forward to seeing it grow and flourish further. To this end, I have taken the decision to bring forwards the date of my retirement and will be stepping away from my role at the end of this term.

I wish Jonathon and Andy all the very best as they as they start to take the leadership of Maiden Erlegh Trust forwards.

Yours sincerely

Mary Davies  
Chief Executive Officer