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Deputy Headteacher: Miss A. Maat

School Business Manager: Mrs J. Santarossa

9th June 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

RE: Headteaching arrangements for next year

St Augustine's is an Outstanding school committed to providing the best education for your children. For the past seven years, Mrs Jarvis has been an able and dedicated Headteacher, leading our talented staff team. As you will be aware, Mrs Jarvis was due to retire at the end of this year and Governors have been leading the search for her successor.

Despite two recruitment drives, enlisting the help of a recruitment agency, we have not been able to find a candidate of the calibre we require. We have also examined new ways of working with other schools to share the management of St Augustine's, but these have not resulted in a practical solution. We have therefore investigated alternative options.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Jarvis has offered to phase her retirement, which means she and Miss Maat, our Deputy Head, **will job-share the role of Head Teacher from September**. This arrangement will give the school the continuing stability on which our success is based, and enable the Governing Body to determine the best structure for the long-term.

The Governing Body is grateful to both Mrs Jarvis and Miss Maat for their continued hard work, and we look forward to their joint work in the next academic year.

With my best wishes and prayers,

Mr O'Shea

Chair of Governors