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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, we are part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, which we joined in September 2021. Since we joined this highly successful Trust it has gone from strength to strength with recently published Trust data showing we are the most successful South West based Trust for student outcomes. Since joining MNSP Buckler's Mead has also developed quickly and now offers support to a number of other schools.

Over the last week, the Trust has been asked to support Pyrland School in Taunton. Pyrland School is part of the Richard Huish Trust and has faced some challenging times in recent years. We have been asked to provide support around leadership and as part of this support, I have been asked to take on the role of Executive Headteacher, leading both Pyrland School and Buckler's Mead. This will mean over the next few months, I will be splitting my time between the two schools, with the majority of my working week being at Pyrland, while we put new systems and processes in place to support their school improvement journey.

Mr Yeates will be Acting Head of School in my absence and Mrs Thompson will lead on our pastoral provision in the role of Acting Deputy Head Pastoral. They will be supported on a day-to-day basis with leaders from across the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership team.

Even on a part time basis, it will feel very strange to drive to a different school for work having been at Buckler's Mead every day for the last twenty two years, but rest assured I am very much still the Headteacher of Buckler's Mead. I am extremely proud of our school community and I am confident we will continue to grow and improve.

Yours sincerely

MR M LAWRENCE Headteacher

