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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to start this letter by thanking those of you who have wished me well for the change in my role from September. It has really meant the world to me and has been a source of real comfort.

There are exciting times ahead for Dene Magna and last week we completed a very comprehensive recruitment process to find the new Headteacher. I am delighted to announce that Declan Mooney will be taking up this privileged position from September and we are thrilled to be welcoming him.

Mr Mooney will be joining us from The Dean Academy, where he has been the Deputy Headteacher for a number of years. When asked about the new role, Mr Mooney said "This is an exciting time for the school and I am honoured to be chosen to be Headteacher at Dene Magna. I live in Longhope with my wife and our children. My stepsons have gone through Dene Magna, and our two younger sons' will join in due course.

I understand the values and ethos of Dene Magna and I cannot wait to work with all of you as we take our next steps. It will be exciting playing an active role in the Forest of Dean Trust and I am looking forward to meeting you all and helping us all achieve our goals".

There will be more from Mr Mooney over the coming month and I will let you know how and where you can meet him as we move through the summer term.

I am sure that you will welcome Declan as you welcomed me and whilst I may not be in Dene Magna as much, I am absolutely certain that Declan will thrive and continue the amazing work that goes on.

Many thanks as ever for your support.

Regards

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