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Dear Parents and Carers,

Recruitment announcement from Chair of Governors

It does seem that the world is standing still at the moment, but some things do need to continue. In my last update, on the 6th March, I told you that we were re-advertising the post. This time we had two excellent candidates that we shortlisted for the interview process. In the current climate and with social distancing the governors and the Local Authority looked at whether and how we could run the interview process.

We agreed a process including a number of exercises along with meetings, presentations and interviews, all over video-conferences. We reserved the right not to appoint anyone if we were unsure at the end of the process if we had seen what we wanted, or if we were not able to get a good feel for the personality of the candidates. This process took place throughout Monday and Tuesday this week and involved all members of the School's Senior Leadership Team alongside the Panel of Governors.

By Tuesday evening we had selected an outstanding candidate to take over the reins of DJS when Mrs Viner retires at the end of this term. The Full Governing Body ratified the selection and we offered the role to the successful candidate, who was delighted to accept. We are currently completing the formalities.

We cannot tell you their name currently, as we need to agree a date when we can announce who they are at the same time as their current school announce that they are leaving. We will introduce them to you as soon as possible in the next couple of weeks.

We will start planning immediately to commence the handover from Mrs Viner to ensure a smooth transfer, and will not let the current circumstances prevent us from carrying out a rigorous process to ensure that DJS can move forwards to the next phase in our journey.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn Taylor
Chair of Governors

