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Dear Parents,

Further to our letter last week, we are now in a position to inform you of the longer term plans for Himbleton School's leadership and are excited to confirm that we have secured the services of Mrs Gemma Martin, an experienced Head Teacher from a local Malvern school.

Mrs Martin comes highly recommended by the Diocese and Local Authority. Mrs Martin was praised for her leadership in her current school's recent Ofsted Report. Mrs Martin will be employed by Himbleton full time however we will be seconding her out to the Diocese of Worcester Educational team as one of their School Improvement Advisor's for two days per week. This arrangement enables Himbleton to benefit from an experienced Head Teacher and will also be of financial benefit to the School. Mrs Martin will take up her new post on or before September 2019, dependent on release from her current school.

Following her well-deserved promotion, Mrs Wallis will continue in her new role as Assistant Headteacher and as Acting Head on the days that Mrs Martin is not on site.

In addition to the above news, you may be aware that a couple of years ago Himbleton started the process of converting to an academy school with a view to joining the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust (DoWMAT). This has been a long and complicated process, not least relating to land ownership issues.

The challenges we have faced with support from the Pinvin Federation (DoWMAT schools) and the changing landscape regarding Academy's locally and nationally have led us to believe in the schools best interests to remain a Local Authority controlled school.

As always, if you have any queries please do speak with one of us.

Many thanks
Himbleton CE First School & Nursery Governing Body