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Statement regarding changes in Leadership at Willow Academy

To Parents and Carers

There have been a number of significant changes to the leadership of Willow Academy since the start of the academic year and I would like to take the opportunity to clarify and confirm the leadership team that will be in place to lead the academy moving forward.

You will be aware that Mrs Buckley stepped aside in October 2016 and she will not be returning to the academy.

Since that time, Mrs Gunn has made the decision to move on and her message to the academy is detailed below:

"After nearly 18 years at Willow Academy, through many changes, I have decided that now would be an appropriate time to leave the school and look at other opportunities to pursue my career. The Trust has agreed to release me from my contract and wishes me well for the future.

I would like to express my thanks to the parents for their support and for giving me the privilege of teaching their wonderful children. I would also like to wish the children and staff every success and happiness in the future. Thank you, Mrs Gunn."

I am also now in a position to confirm that as of 09 February 2017 I have been appointed by WCAT to be the permanent Headteacher of the academy and I am honoured to be in a position to lead it as it moves forward and realises its true potential.

Miss Burgen will remain in her role as Head of School and Mr Parkinson remains Assistant Headteacher.

Thank you for your support up to this point, I look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership in the future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Sumner

Headteacher