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Dear Parents and Carers,

Appointment of New Headteacher

I am writing to inform you of an exciting development at St James. After a thorough and rigorous recruitment process, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr C. Booth as your new Headteacher, starting from 1st September 2025.

As you are aware, as the current Deputy Headteacher at St James, he brings a wealth of experience in educational leadership, has made a significant impact on both academic outcomes and the wellbeing of pupils and staff.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Belfield for her absolute dedication, significant impact, her leadership and the passion that she holds dear for the children, families and staff at St James. However, Mrs Belfield has been appointed as an Associate Headteacher within our Trust organisation. This means that she will be taking up the Headship full time at Bolton Parish Church School with an oversight responsibility for St James.

I would like to thank you for your continued support for the leadership team and staff at St James and look forward to the next chapter at St James.

Yours sincerely

Canon J. Pilling

CEO Archbishop Temple Multi Academy Trust