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Dear Parents,

25th February 2019

I am writing to inform you that, due to a change in circumstances, Mrs Greenaway is unable to continue in her role as interim Head at Manston St James CE Primary. As a result, the Trust have seconded one of our most experienced and skilled Headteachers, Mrs Ashleigh Dunn, to lead Manston St James for the remainder of this academic year.

Mrs Dunn, who is substantive Headteacher at St.Chad's CE Primary, is a highly skilled leader who has proven experience in securing school improvement in particular in developing curriculum from Early Years to Year Six, the promotion of pupil voice, communication with parents and the wider community, provision for pupils with special educational needs and the promotion of the Christian ethos on which our Trust, and Manston St James, is founded.

Mrs Dunn has been working with leaders and staff at Manston St James since January in a strategic leadership role and therefore already has knowledge and understanding of the context of the school, its strengths and areas for development and she has developed positive relationships with staff. As a result, her deployment to Manston St James will offer a degree of consistency.

We appreciate that changes to leadership are unsettling, particularly for pupils and parents, however the Trust has responded swiftly to the circumstances that we have been presented with and would like to reassure you that we will do all we can to support Mrs Dunn and the school during this time.

We would also like to assure you that there remains a strong cohort of school leaders, managers and governors at Manston St James who are committed to the future of the school and more importantly to the day to day experiences and education of our children.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Dunn to Manston St James. She is very keen to get to know you and your children and to ensure that Manston St James flourishes.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Pratten

Joint Acting CEO / Executive Principal (Primary)

