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## Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well. I am writing to update you with news on the leadership of The Sittingbourne School.

As you know, Ms Peden retired at Christmas, and as Executive Headteacher, I have been acting as Headteacher in the interim whilst we were going through the appointment process.

I am very pleased to let you know that following a very rigorous three day interview process, we have been successful in securing our new Head of School. From April 2021, Mr Nick Smith will be joining us as our new Head of School.

Nick Smith has extensive experience in a number of schools across Kent and London. He is well acquainted with both Swale Academies Trust and our local area and is very committed to supporting all students and our community.

I have no doubt that the school and community will make Nick feel welcome and we will look forward to him joining the team after Easter. I will remain as the Executive Headteacher at The Sittingbourne School going forward.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Hodges

**Executive Headteacher**