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Dear Westways Community,

I am writing to you as I know you will all be wondering how the governors got on with the Headteacher interviewing process earlier in the week.

We had a field of four candidates to take through the assessment and interview process. In the end, we chose not to make an appointment, feeling confident that the decision is the right one for our school at this time.

At Westways we are fortunate in having a strong and able leadership team. Our direction is clear and, thanks to the hard work and commitment of all of our staff, our future is secure. We see this as a hiccup in our journey and feel that, moving forward, it is more important to get the right person for the job than to scramble just to fill it.

As I said previously, the governors are confident that Westways will continue to thrive under the current leadership team. Charles will continue as Head of School with Sam supporting in her role as Executive Head. We will advertise the Headteacher post again early in the summer term when we hope the pressures of Covid will be reduced and prospective candidates will be considering taking on the role at our school.

In closing, may I thank you, on behalf of all the governors, for your continuing work in such demanding times and may I assure you of our intention to continue to seek to make the best appointment for the role of Headteacher at Westways.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lynn Pocock'.

Lynn Pocock

Chair of Governors