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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to let you know about some changes to the school leadership and to share details about the ongoing school improvement work at Melbourn Village College.

As you know, Mr Bennet has led the school as an Executive Headteacher over the last couple of years. We are grateful for his leadership and commitment and the recent, very positive inspection report is testament to his impact.

But to continue to make the sustained improvement our pupils deserve; Melbourn Village College really needs a full-time substantive headteacher. Mr Bennet has been leading Melbourn and also St Peter's School, a fair distance away. Going forward, he will solely concentrate on his leadership of St Peter's and as a Trust, we are in full support of this. We thank him for his leadership of Melbourn.

Niki Smith, who is already our Head of School, will be taking on the role of acting Headteacher, providing stable and continuous leadership. We know this will be important for families. Mr Bennet will not leave immediately and will be transitioning over the coming weeks to support a smooth handover.

We will be recruiting for a permanent headteacher very soon and will keep you updated.

The CAM Academy Trust is committed to Melbourn Village College being a great school. Our families and the wider community deserve this. As part of our support of the school, our Director of Strategy and Improvement, Dr Richard Kueh, will be working very closely with Ms Smith. Dr. Kueh is a very experienced school leader, with a wealth of school improvement knowledge and expertise. Prior to joining us, Dr. Kueh was a Deputy Director of Ofsted. The school will continue to have the support of our Director of Education Paul Lawrence. As CEO, I will take a keen interest in Melbourn and be a regular presence in the school.

We want our parents to have the opportunity to talk to us and hear about the school improvement process. Our partnership with parents is important to us. We will be in touch shortly about a parent engagement event. This will be a chance for us to share our continued improvement plans for the school and for us to also hear from you.

I want to reassure you that we are working hard to ensure stability for the whole school community, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Heald
Chief Executive

