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Dear Parent / Carer

Leadership at Fir Vale School

Following our message to you in March, on behalf of the Fir Vale School Governors, we wanted to provide you with an update on leadership at the school, following the news of Mrs Smith's retirement.

As you know, we have been working towards partnership with a Multi-Academy Trust since February 2023. At the end of the last academic year, the Department for Education approved Fir Vale School's request to join United Learning. The formal transfer process is almost complete and we expect the school to become a part of United Learning on 1st July 2025.

With the support of United Learning, we have engaged in a thorough recruitment process to appoint Mrs Smith's successor. We are very pleased to let you know that we have appointed Mr Danny Bullock as Principal at Fir Vale School. He will take up post on 2nd June 2025.

Mr Bullock brings with him extensive senior leadership experience having served as Principal at an academy in Leeds for several years. Mr Bullock has high ambitions for Fir Vale's future and is very much looking forward to joining the school and introducing himself to students, staff and families. We are confident that, with his strong track record in raising standards and driving forward improvements, Mr Bullock will be an excellent asset to Fir Vale and, with the ongoing support of the school's senior leadership team as well as United Learning, will ensure Fir Vale continues on its improvement journey at pace.

To ensure a smooth transition, Mr Bullock will be working closely with Ms Smith during this half term before taking up a substantive post at the beginning of the new academic year. We are working very hard to arrange a 'Meet the Principal' event as we appreciate parents will want the opportunity to ask questions and to meet Mr Bullock. Details of this will be shared as soon as we have a firm timetable for this.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and may we wish your child a successful half term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Tina Ball
Co-Chairs of Governors

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