



14 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Weare Academy Church of England First School

**Re: Leadership Arrangements at Weare Church of England First School Academy**

As you are hopefully aware, a recruitment process has been undertaken for the role of Deputy Headteacher of Weare Church of England First School Academy.

Several external candidates worked through an intensive process, and we are delighted to announce the decision to appoint Ms Heather Cooke as the permanent Deputy Headteacher of Weare Academy Church of England First School. Heather will join us in January 2025 in a part-time capacity and will move to a full-time capacity from April 2025.

We would also like to use this opportunity to share the wonderful news that Mrs Chelsey Dover, Headteacher, is expecting a child. Mrs Dover will be taking maternity beginning April 2025. During her absence, arrangements will be in place to ensure a smooth transition and continued support from the Wessex Central Team for our Weare team and learners. We are sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Dover on this lovely news.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. We will continue to communicate as developments further.

Yours sincerely,

**GAVIN BALL**  
Chief Executive

**LIBBY FIDOCK**  
Director of Primary & Deputy Chief Executive