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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, due to illness, Mr Cooper will be absent from school for a sustained period of time. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mr Cooper a full and speedy recovery.

As a Trust, the wellbeing of our colleagues is important, and we are providing appropriate support during this time. Whilst we appreciate that parents and carers may have questions, we kindly ask that everyone respects Mr Cooper's privacy at this time.

To ensure continuity of leadership and maintain the high standards our pupils, staff and families expect, we are pleased to confirm that Kate Ireland, Head of Primary at The Grange Academy, will be leading the school for the remainder of this academic year.

Mrs Ireland is a highly experienced school leader with a strong track record of improving outcomes for pupils and supporting school communities. Working closely with the existing leadership team, Mrs Ireland will provide strategic leadership and oversight to ensure that teaching, learning, safeguarding and the day-to-day running of the school continue seamlessly.

In preparation for this arrangement, Mr Cooper and Mrs Ireland have been working collaboratively to support a smooth transition and ensure continuity for pupils, staff and families. This careful planning will help ensure that the school continues to move forward confidently and successfully.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mr Cooper well during his recovery and in supporting Mrs Ireland as she undertakes this acting leadership role. We are grateful for the commitment and dedication both leaders have shown in ensuring the continued success of the school and the wellbeing of our community.

I would like to thank our staff, pupils and families for their continued support and understanding during this period. The strength of our school community is one of our greatest assets, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to provide the very best education for all our children.

Should there be any updates regarding leadership arrangements, we will ensure that these are communicated promptly to families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Juliet Brown
Director of Primary Education

Ian Cooper
Primary Executive Principal