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Dear Parents/Carers

I wrote to you in June regarding our Interim Executive Board (IEB)'s intention to recruit a new Headteacher for Grove Park School. I am delighted to confirm that after a rigorous selection process by the IEB, our new Headteacher has now been appointed.

Mrs Ali Causton will be taking up her position here in January 2025. Mrs Causton comes with significant experience of SEND and has held senior leadership positions, including Headteacher, in a range of schools.

I am very confident that under Mrs Causton's strong leadership, together with the continued dedication of our staff here, our school will be able to make very positive progress moving forward. With Ofsted's recent visit, we will also be addressing any recommendations that they make.

I am also pleased to let you know that our IEB is now working in partnership with London South East Academies Trust (LSEAT). This successful Multi-Academy Trust has a network of 13 schools across the region – several with very similar profiles to Grove Park. It also has a strong track record in rapid school improvement and is closely aligned with our own vision and ambitions, LSEAT is committed to ensuring the highest quality provision for pupils at every stage of their education – and will be supporting leaders and staff here over the coming months.

We very much look forward to welcoming Mrs Causton and to working with LSEAT. This is an exciting time for Grove Park, its staff and its pupils, as we strive to ensure that every child gets the excellent education and care that they need and deserve.

Yours sincerely

Simon Chandler
Co-Chair of the IEB

Interim Headteacher: Paul Prest
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