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Dear Parents and Carers

It is a privilege to write to you in the capacity of my role as Head Teacher at SJP. I have been a part of this wonderful school community since 2002 and have been proud to see it develop over those years into a secondary school on the Wirral which is second to none. At the heart of our success are our children who themselves are proud to have a place here and embrace the many opportunities that we are able to offer. Linked in with that is the consistent support we get from you our parents and carers who trust us to ensure your children maximize their success and grow into well rounded individuals ready to face the world. In all of this we are blessed with a staff who are fully committed to children and are prepared to go the extra mile with them time and again.

The news that we have received in recent days of Mr Quinn's departure was unexpected, but all of us wish him well for his future.

Naturally, a sudden change of leadership gives rise to speculation and conjecture, and can unsettle some. Nonetheless the facts are simple. Our pupils and staff are continuing to work in harmony; our pupils continue to get a first-class education and make outstanding progress and will have opportunities that will broaden their horizons in a way that other schools simply do not offer. Our expectations will continue to be as they are and you have my assurance that we will strive to make SJP an even better school. There will not be wholesale changes to our systems and structures which work so well for our pupils and I will be in post as Head Teacher to provide stable leadership. We will immediately be reviewing our financial position, and where we have been loaning out some very experienced teachers to support other schools I anticipate that we will be doing less of this and instead keeping such staff in SJP working with our own pupils.

Keeping parents informed at all levels and seeking your support will continue to be a priority of mine as we journey forward and I want to thank people for their many messages of support which has been much appreciated by the school community.

Yours sincerely

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