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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share with you some important news regarding leadership at St. Edmund's.

At the end of this academic year, Mrs Ruth Stoneham, our Head of School, will be leaving St. Edmund's to take up a new role as Inclusion Lead across both Compass and MAST schools. In this exciting position, Ruth will be able to support children, leaders, teachers and support staff across our wider family of schools.

Ruth has done a truly wonderful job during her time at St. Edmund's. She has supported countless children and families and has played a significant role in growing the school from 130 to 205 pupils in a relatively short period. Her calm, assured, caring and patient manner has been central to the success that the school enjoys today. Many visitors comment on the warm, inclusive culture that Ruth has cultivated across St. Edmund's, and this will remain a lasting part of her legacy.

We are pleased to share that Mrs Clare Dixon will be joining St. Edmund's as Headteacher from September 2026. Clare is currently Deputy Headteacher at St. Margaret's Church of England Junior School, another MAST school, where she has also been acting Headteacher for the past two years. She is an experienced and highly regarded teacher and leader, and we are excited to welcome her to the St. Edmund's community. Clare has already spent time in school getting to know staff and pupils, and we look forward to seeing how she continues to develop the school in the future.

We understand that times of change can sometimes feel unsettling for parents and families. Please be reassured that we will ensure a smooth transition and continued stability for the children. If you have any questions or would like support during this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Hulme

Executive Headteacher

St. Edmund's is a welcoming and nurturing environment, where each individual is supported to develop morally, spiritually, socially, culturally and academically. Our extended community, through our Christian values of Love, Courage, Trust and Respect encourage each other in faith to 'Let your light shine.' (Matthew 5).