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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Appointment of Miss Denise Mawdsley  
Interim Headteacher at Wedmore First School Academy**

The Wessex Learning Trust and Governors of Wedmore First School Academy are delighted to confirm the appointment of Miss Denise Mawdsley as the Interim Headteacher from Monday 27 November 2017.

Miss Mawdsley is currently the Headteacher at Weare Academy Church of England First School and has worked closely with Wedmore during her time in post, and brings significant experience to Wedmore. As the Headteacher at Weare, Miss Mawdsley has led the school since 2012 and at the last Ofsted inspection, Weare was graded as 'Outstanding'. Miss Mawdsley's appointment as the Interim Headteacher is temporary until the end of the academic year and she will be meeting with staff and children to ensure a smooth transition.

Miss Mawdsley has the full support of the Trust and we believe she will work hard to ensure Wedmore continues to be expertly led over the coming months. This temporary leadership will allow a period of stability for the school and time for the Wessex Learning Trust, in partnership with the Wedmore First School Academy Governing Body, to consider longer term plans.

The Trust and Governors would like to thank formally Mrs Sue Ham for stepping up to be the Acting Headteacher over the past seven months during Mrs Hipwell's unforeseen absence. We are more than aware that Mrs Ham's dedication to the children, staff and the school has been steadfast and we recognise her hard work as she hands over responsibility to Miss Mawdsley. We also thank Mrs Ham for continuing to support Miss Mawdsley in her role as the Deputy Headteacher at Wedmore First School Academy.

Further communications will follow in the coming days and details of opportunities to meet Miss Mawdsley.

Please be assured of our best intentions and commitment to providing the best education and leadership for the children and staff at the school.

Yours sincerely,

**GAVIN BALL**  
Executive Headteacher

**DEREK LOGAN**  
Chair of Governors



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