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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of one of the strangest and most challenging terms we have ever experienced, I wanted to write to you and thank you for your support over the past few months. In the face of the previously unimaginable, you have shown patience with us as we adapted to the new normal, support for us in helping establish our remote teaching provision, and compassion with our staff when inevitable problems arose.

We are now preparing for the full reopening of the school in September as per the latest Government guidance. I would like to reassure you that the safety of our students will be our utmost priority during these preparations. I will share more detailed information closer to the time, but I know that we are all looking forward to welcoming our students back to school.

Unfortunately, I must inform you that Mrs Alexandra Beardmore has stepped down as Head of Academy at Landau Forte Academy Moorhead. Mrs Beardmore has played a valuable role during her time at the academy and I hope you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

We will be appointing Ruth McNeil as Interim Principal. Ruth has been working at Landau Forte Academy Moorhead for over a year now as Deputy Head and has already made a significant impact on building and maintaining a positive atmosphere. She is absolutely committed to making Landau Forte Academy Moorhead realise its potential and truly shine.

Ruth began her teaching career in her home county of Yorkshire before relocating to Derby. She is a Music and Early Years Specialist who has held a number of Early Years Lead and Assistant Head roles across the city before joining us. She is passionate about children thriving in their own community through partnership and collaboration, as well as creating a climate where excellence flourishes. She places children at the heart of her work as a teacher and a leader, building relations and a sense of belonging so that our children know that we value them, and they in turn learn how to value themselves.

I am delighted that Ruth will be taking up this position and look forward to working with her to take Landau Forte Academy Moorhead from strength to strength.

Ruth will be in touch in the near future with more information on her role and her plans for the immediate future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Findlay-Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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