

4 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following Mr Wignall's letter to you all last Friday, I want to say how sad the Governing Board are that he has decided to resign as Headteacher and will be leaving Downlands at the end of the summer term.

Mr Wignall joined Downlands some 32 years ago, firstly as Head of Year, then an assistant head, being promoted to deputy head and finally becoming Headteacher 9 years ago.

Mr Wignall has been an amazing Head and I can assure you that he will continue to work tirelessly for Downlands over the next few months.

The governors are fully committed to appointing a new Headteacher who will continue the upward trend of the school. We will be looking for a talented, enthusiastic and energetic leader who will continue Downlands reputation for excellent academic results, outstanding pastoral care and extra-curricular activities. It is also very important to governors that the Downlands school ethos, values and vision are continued.

Once an appointment for a new Headteacher has been made and ratified by the Governing Board, I will inform all parents and carers of the panel's decision.

Yours faithfully,



Diana M Hunt  
Chair of Governors

