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**Headteacher:**

**Mr Stephen Heath**

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Dear Parent/carer

### **Mr Heath - Update**

I know lots of parents and carers will want an update on Steve's projected return to work so here it is... I met with Steve earlier this week and you will be pleased to know that he is feeling a lot better, sleeping normally and generally looking healthier. As you may or may not know there is a return to work protocol which now needs to be followed, which involves making sure he is fit to return and that an appropriate phased return is put in place. We are currently working through this with a view to Steve being back in position for the start of the new term if everything goes according to plan. This is as a definitive statement as I can make at this stage as I need to be guided by other agencies and although the final decision sits with the governors we need to take on board other people's views. But at the moment I am expecting him back in some capacity in September.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mel Vincent in particular and the staff in general for taking on extra responsibility during Steve's absence to ensure the school has operated as normal during this period. I know that the last term of the year is a busy term for the staff anyway, and Steve being absent was an extra factor they could have done without, but from what I have seen and from the feedback I have received they have performed admirably during this period. So a big thank you from the Governors to all the staff for their efforts and commitment over this last term.

I wish you all happy holidays and look forward to speaking with you more in September.

Regards  
Nick Cramp  
Chair of Governors