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Dear Parents, Carers, Colleagues and Friends

Test Valley School - Senior Leadership Team and Interim Executive Board

I hope you have had a pleasant and relaxing Easter break and are looking forward to the summer term. We are pleased to welcome pupils and staff back to Test Valley School and, as Jo McKeown announced before the holidays, we are particularly delighted to see the Senior Leadership Team strengthened with the addition of Nicky Goodridge as Head of School and also, our new SEND lead Emma Andrews. The focus of the leadership team remains firmly on the key priorities of the Post-Ofsted Plan – Behaviour, Safeguarding and quality of Teaching & Learning.

The Regional Director for Schools has approved the creation of an Interim Executive Board (IEB) with effect from Monday 17th April. The IEB is made up of individuals with hands on experience of school improvement and managing academisation and will be chaired by Sara Falk. The existing Board of Governors will now stand down to enable the IEB to provide governance and also, to oversee any transition until an Academy Committee is appointed once the school has joined the Academy Trust.

The school is well set on its improvement course and, on behalf of the outgoing Board, I would like to thank parents, staff and the entire school community for their support through a period of transition at Test Valley. The school is in very capable hands and we wish the team all the best for the next stage of the journey.

Best regards

David Hall

Chair of Governors





