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Mrs Rachel Kirk, Headteacher

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Monday 13th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Ofsted and Staffing

Firstly, as you may have seen in our newsletter on Friday, I wanted to write to you all to reiterate our **thanks to you as parents** for your great support of Alban Wood during our Ofsted inspection on 2nd and 3rd March. As you will be aware, we must be very patient waiting for our report, both the detail that it will contain and the judgements made – which could be up to 24 working days from the end of the inspection. But, what we do know is that the **parent community** came together brilliantly to support our school, for which we are very grateful. And, even more importantly, **our pupils were an absolute credit to all of you and to our school and its values** – consistently excellent learning behaviour for all, thank you!

On an unrelated but important matter, we are writing too to let you know that **I (Mrs Kirk) have made a difficult decision to resign from my Headteacher post at Alban Wood**, as of the end of this academic year (August 2017). I have absolutely loved being Headteacher here at Alban Wood for the last six years – it has been a privilege and a pleasure to lead such a committed and talented staff, to work in this unique community with so many positive and engaged parents, and, most importantly, teach and lead Alban Wood's wonderful children. I look forward to the remaining few months of this academic year, and will thank you all – pupils, parents, staff and governors – in time to come. The reason for my resignation is both personal and professional – I have been promoted to a District Schools Effectiveness Advisor (DSEA) role which is an exciting opportunity, one which I hope will help me to juggle having two small children at home, as well as being pretty busy at work!

I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to take the school through **two Ofsted inspections in my time as Headteacher**, and seeing the incredible commitment and skills of our community last week makes my resignation decision a little harder. That said, I believe and hope that the school is very well placed to sustain excellence, and Mr Ford, as Chair of Governors at Alban Wood, is now ready to work with a team of governors to recruit the right person to take on the Headship at Alban Wood from here. He would like to reassure you all of the great importance which is being placed on this process; he will write again to keep you informed over the next few months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to either Mr Ford, Rev Tuxworth or to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Kirk
Headteacher

Mr Mark Ford
Chair of Governors

Rev Erica Tuxworth
Vice Chair of Governors



