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Dear parent/carer,

Executive Headteacher for Stuart Road and High Street Primary Academies

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable half-term break. I wanted to update you on our leadership arrangements at Stuart Road Academy.

As you know, the academy is a small school, and running small schools can be very challenging – larger schools enjoy lots of benefits given their scale, that simply aren't available to smaller schools.

We are absolutely committed to ensuring that our schools remain at the heart of the community, whilst also having the benefits that much larger schools enjoy. Because we run more than one school, we are able to mirror some of these benefits by sharing costs across schools.

An important step in realising these benefits has been to establish executive headships. Executive Headteachers lead two or more schools. Currently, Joanne Murphy is the Executive Headteacher of Morice Town and High Street Primary Academies, on an interim basis until the end of August. Executive Headteachers are typically very experienced Heads, and have a track record of running good schools, and helping their pupils get great results.

In January, all Headteachers within Reach South were invited to apply for Executive Headships. One of these roles is as Executive Head of Stuart Road and High Street Primary Academies.

I am delighted to say that we have appointed Mitch Frame into this role, with effect from September 2018. As you know, Mitch has been a fantastic head of Stuart Road since 2005, and been in teaching for 24 years; this is really great news for both academies, and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mitch.



Dean Ashton
Chief Executive Officer
Reach South