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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with some important news regarding Hamp Academy.

Headteacher vacancy

You are already aware that Mr Talmage will be leaving Hamp Academy at the end of the month to start a new position as Headteacher at a larger Primary School in Chard.

The position of Headteacher at Hamp was advertised nationally yielding a small return which on balance Marc Bevan, Chair of the LGB at the time, and I felt did not produce a field that could be interviewed. Some consideration has therefore been given by the Trust Board to examining Hamp's internal capacity to lead the school – in particular Mr Adfield, Deputy Headteacher, and within the other primary provider in the Trust.

It is an ambition of the Bridgwater College Trust for our Academies to be able to learn from each other, share our best practice and develop mechanisms for providing a greater degree of organisational resilience between our schools. There is clearly a large number of effective strategies in place at Hamp for raising attainment and progress and these need to be better understood and shared across all our schools.

This has all resulted in the decision by the Board on Wednesday 15 March that for the next Academic year David Adfield will become 'Head of School' and will be responsible for the day to day operations at Hamp Academy ensuring a degree of 'business as usual'. To support Mr Adfield, Ms Valeur, Head of Primary at Bridgwater College Academy, will become Head of Primary across the Trust responsible for the operation and outcomes of both Academies for next year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Elliott
Chief Executive Officer



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