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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you all know, Mrs Villa will be retiring at Easter 2021 and governors have undergone a formal process to find and select her successor.

The Governing body are very pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed Miss Emma Donoghue as our next Headteacher, starting formally in April 2021.

Miss Donoghue is an experienced Headteacher, currently leading Giffard Park Primary School in Milton Keynes. She will bring with her a wealth of experience alongside her ability to nurture and grow schools to deliver a first class education. Miss Donoghue's educational philosophy places children at the heart of every decision she makes; this very much aligns with the values and vision of Newton Leys Primary School.

Miss Donoghue and Mrs Villa are working collaboratively to map out a successful transition for the children, staff and parents. Our hope is that she will be able to meet as many of you as possible in the coming months and become a new friendly face during drop-off and pick-up times.

On behalf of the governing body, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Villa for working tirelessly over the past five years to establish a school that is highly successful with a glowing reputation. We have a school that we are all very proud of and I look forward to what the next chapter will bring.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe holiday period for you and your families.

Kindest regards

Andy Shaw

Chair of Governors