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Dear Parents and Carers

Appointment of Principal

We are delighted to announce that following a rigorous selection process, Mr Paul Thomas has been appointed as the new Principal of Gilbert Scott Primary School. Mr Thomas will take up the post in September and we know he will quickly get to know pupils, staff, parents and our wider community.

Mr Thomas brings with him a huge range of experience and success, having previously worked as Head Teacher at *Victory Primary School* in Southwark and *St Peter's Primary School* in Croydon. He is therefore very knowledgeable about school leadership generally and Croydon in particular, and we know that he will help our fantastic staff team to build very quickly on the many strengths of our school. Over the course of this term Mr Thomas will visit the school and begin to get to know pupils and staff, and in September will create opportunities to meet parents. When he takes up post, Ms Wakefield will revert to her Deputy role, maintaining a senior team of real quality and experience.

Mr Thomas' appointment comes as we are moving towards the school becoming an academy and joining *The Collegiate Trust*. This new partnership will provide the additional support to improve our school further. This improvement will be from a position of real strength, as you will know that our Key Stage 2 results in 2017 were the most improved in Croydon, whilst at the other end of the school OFSTED last September recognised real strength and quality in our EYFS provision.

At the moment we are finalising admission into Reception class in September. There is a small number of places still available here; if you know of a family who have not yet secured a place for Reception in September, please do encourage them to contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our work with your children.

Yours sincerely

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