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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff of Rusper Primary School

I am writing to share some important updates about the ongoing development of leadership and governance at Rusper Primary School and to celebrate the wonderful progress the school has made this year as part of Bohunt Education Trust (BET).

As you will know, earlier this year Rusper Primary School joined Bohunt Education Trust. Following this change, the school was temporarily governed directly by the Trust Board while we carefully considered the best long-term structure to ensure strong local oversight and continued improvement and growth.

I am pleased to confirm that from this term, Rusper Primary School will now be governed by its most local Trust school, Bohunt Horsham. Bohunt Horsham is an all-through school, encompassing both primary and secondary phases, and is therefore uniquely placed to provide ongoing support and partnership for Rusper's next stage of development.

As part of the Bohunt Horsham Local Board, a Primary Committee is being established to oversee both Rusper Primary School and Bohunt Horsham Primary, bringing together the experience, expertise and shared commitment of both schools. This will ensure that the distinctive identity of Rusper Primary School is preserved and celebrated, while also benefiting from the collaborative strength of the wider Bohunt community.

We are very fortunate that Lisa Wright, our Director of Primary, who works across both primary settings, will continue to serve as Interim Headteacher at Rusper Primary School during this next phase. Lisa's leadership, together with the dedication of the staff team, has provided great stability and ambition for the school.

Building on the success of this year - and in response to the school's growing pupil numbers and continued momentum - Rusper Primary School will shortly be advertising for a new Assistant Headteacher, who will also take on the role of SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator). This new leader will also work alongside Mrs Wright as she continues in her role as Headteacher of the school. This is a really exciting step for the school, designed to further strengthen its leadership capacity and ensure that the needs of every child are met with the care, expertise and attention they deserve.

This role will replace the current shared SENDCo arrangement with Bohunt Horsham, offering dedicated on-site leadership for inclusion while maintaining the close partnership between the two schools. We hope this will offer reassurance to families and staff alike that we are investing in Rusper's future with both confidence and care.

On a personal note, I would like to say how proud I am of everything the Rusper community has achieved this term. The recent open evening was a tremendous success, showcasing the enthusiasm, creativity and warmth that make this such a special school. Each time I have visited, I have been so impressed by how hard the children are working, how engaged they are in their learning and how deeply the staff's passion for teaching shines through.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and commitment to our shared vision for the school. If you have any questions about these updates, please don't hesitate to contact the school or the Trust directly.

With warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Ayling', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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