Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you that Wood End Academy and Wood End Infants Governing Bodies have been in discussion to collaborate more in the new academic year. We are currently delighted with the progress made by both schools in recent years and have seen an improvement in standards of academic performance, behaviour and many other aspects of educational provision.

However we are also realistic that the future will bring new challenges and we need to ensure that we can provide our pupils with the very best educational opportunities. To this end, you may already be aware that Miss Bhachu and Miss Letch have resigned from Wood End Infants. The two governing bodies have recently held discussions and appointed Mr Stainbank as the Interim Executive Head across both schools for the next academic year. Both schools will also have a Head of School who will oversee the day to day running in each of the schools. Mrs Smith will be the Interim Head of School at Wood End Academy.

Issues such as uniform, curriculum, behaviour policy and all other aspects of the day to day running of the schools will remain with the Head of School, the senior staff and the governing bodies of the schools as they do now.

We know that your main concern as a parent or carer will be the implications of this decision for your son or daughter’s education. Let me reassure you that one of the reasons an Interim Executive headteacher has been appointed is due to the fact that many of our families have children in both of our schools.

In order to provide you with more information, Mr Stainbank will be available at the beginning and end of the day to answer any questions, or you are welcome to email him or Rev. Maureen Hider (Wood End Academy Chair of Governors) at admin@woodendacademy.org.uk.

Yours truly,

Rev. Maureen Hider (Chair of Governors) & Mr Warner Stainbank (Headteacher)