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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share some important news following a Full Governing Board Meeting, held on Thursday 4th December. After much thought and reflection, Mr Sim, our Deputy Headteacher, has made the decision to step down from his role in order to explore new possibilities for the remainder of his incredible career.

Mr Sim's departure will be a significant moment for St Mark's. For 27 years, he has been an integral part of our school community. His dedication and commitment have touched every part of school life. Mr Sim's passion for St Mark's and his love for the children have been extraordinary and his influence has shaped lives and strengthened our school in countless ways. With Mr Sim's permission, I'd like to share his message to the community:

"It has been an incredible privilege to be part of the St Mark's community for the past 27 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in so many aspects of school life, and it has truly been a joy to work alongside such dedicated staff, governors, supportive parents, and—most importantly—our wonderful pupils. The relationships I have built and the shared experiences over the years have meant a great deal to me, and I recognise that this role has shaped more than half of my life in the most meaningful way. Looking ahead, I am excited by the prospect of exploring a new role either in or out of the education field in the coming months. This new chapter will, no doubt, bring different challenges and opportunities, and I look forward to embracing them when the time comes. St Mark's has been much more than a workplace—it has been a community, a family, and a constant source of joy and pride. Thank you for the trust, support and friendship over the years. It has been an honour to serve the school and its community."

As we move towards the end of this academic year, there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate Mr Sim's exceptional contribution to St Mark's. We will make sure his years of service are marked in a very special way.

In January, we will begin the process of recruiting a new Deputy Headteacher to start in September 2026, with the aim of allowing a short handover period to ensure a smooth transition. We will keep you updated as plans progress.





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Until then we will very much be making the most of the time we have left with Mr Sim as we continue to work in partnership for the benefit of our wonderful school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Fitch".

Mrs A Fitch
Headteacher

