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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very sorry to inform you that Andy Prestoe left the school at half-term for personal and professional reasons.

Andy has been an excellent first headteacher of Sybil Andrews Academy and we have been fortunate to have had his leadership – both in overseeing the opening of our new school and the fantastic progress we have made throughout the first 18 months.

We are also fortunate to have a very fine wider Senior Leadership Team and Shaun Douglas and James Mason will lead the school over the next few weeks. Samuel Ward Academy Trust has arranged for them to be supported by other senior leaders from within neighbouring Trust secondary schools. In particular, Wayne Lloyd, Headteacher at Thomas Gainsborough School, will be available to provide support to the school.

I will write to you further about future leadership arrangements at the school shortly. We are working on the assumption of appointing a new headteacher from September and having an experienced headteacher to work alongside the school's Senior Leadership Team for the summer term.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or Tim Coulson, Chief Executive of the Samuel Ward Academy Trust (tcoulson@swatrust.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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