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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Appointment of Headteacher**

Following Mr Shelton's announcement that he is leaving St Stephen's, we are very pleased to tell you that the Board of Governors has now completed a full and rigorous recruitment process to appoint a new Headteacher.

We received applications from a very strong field of candidates, all enthused by the opportunity to work at St. Stephen's. The ensuing two-day process involved staff, pupils, Governors and representatives from both Manchester Diocese and the Local Authority.

As a result, the Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Guy Lovgreen as the new Headteacher of our school, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Mr Lovgreen joins us from St James CE Primary School.

Throughout the recruitment process, we were struck by his vision of aspirational learning for our children, his strategic knowledge and experience in successfully leading in primary education. We believe that these qualities will significantly add to the opportunities for our children in the coming years and he will be an incredibly strong asset to our school and the St Stephen's family.

Upon his appointment, Mr Lovgreen has expressed to Governors that he has been excited by his recent visits to St Stephen's and is looking forward to joining our community. It is his intention to visit us again towards the end of term.

Governors would like to thank you all for your patience throughout the process, and we look forward to the next chapter of our 'Great Little School'.

Yours faithfully

St Stephen's Board of Governors

***"To be the best we can be – with God's help"***