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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your children have enjoyed the year that is ending at Cleves. I would like to thank you for your support in a year that did not turn out as trustees expected when I wrote to you a year ago. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Green for stepping up to become Acting Headteacher part way through the year – not something anyone foresaw when she joined us as Deputy Headteacher last autumn – and for her hard work and commitment throughout the year.

Over the past year we know that children have continued to have an excellent education and a huge array of extra-curricular opportunities. This is due to the commitment and enthusiasm of our wonderful staff, who go the extra mile to make Cleves special. So, I want to take this opportunity to say an especially warm thank you to every single one of them for all their contributions to the Cleves' community this year. Whether they are in the classroom or contributing in a range of other ways they have all worked hard to ensure all Cleves' children make as much progress as possible and are supported to enjoy school and thrive in every way.

I also want to thank all of *you* for the many ways in which you support the school and your children: your support is intrinsic to the school's success. Many of our enrichment activities, trips and residentials could not take place without your involvement; and at a time when school budgets are worryingly under pressure your support for the PTA is more essential than ever before.

On budgets, I wrote to you earlier this year about the negative impact on the school's finances of Government pay commitments that have not been fully funded by said Government. We are keen to maintain a high standard of IT provision, so if you have not already done so and are able to do so, it would be very helpful indeed if you could make a payment of £63 a year per child, or £250 for 4 years, on Scopay. This donation is, of course, optional and no child will be disadvantaged if you cannot pay anything at all or cannot pay the full amount. (You can also boost your contribution through Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer.)

We know that our parent/carer community has a wealth of expertise, so I also have two separate polite requests: if you have any suggestions about additional ways for Cleves to boost its income, or if you have any expertise in marketing and could help us with some advice, please do let Mrs Green and me know (ngreen@cleves.co.uk and chair@cleves.co.uk).



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Finally, I want to update you on the Board's plans to advertise for a substantive Headteacher. Our plan is to advertise before the October half term. We will hold interviews in mid-November if, and only if, we have sufficient applicants of a high enough calibre. We know that the market is challenging and we know we need to find someone special. We are very grateful to Mrs Green for continuing to be Acting Headteacher meanwhile. I know that about 18 months ago some of you will have responded to our survey on what you want to see in a new Headteacher, and we still have those responses. But if you wish to share new, or reiterate former, thoughts on what you would like to see in a new Headteacher this time round then please do let me know at chair@cleves.co.uk by the end of September.

Finally, for those of you with Year 6 children, some of you will not be part of the next year of Cleves' journey. We hope you and your children feel proud of all they have achieved and how they have developed during their time at Cleves, and we wish you and your child a very successful transition to secondary school, taking many positive memories with you. If you have children returning, we hope you have a restful holiday and an excellent start in September.

With very best wishes

Susan Foster, Chair of Trustees (on behalf of the Board of Trustees)



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