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Dear Parents,

I write to give you news of an exciting new development in the evolution of Upton Junior School. Last week Mrs Lewis was appointed to be Executive Headteacher of the Chilton Academy Trust as well as of our school. This means that from 1st September she will have overall leadership of Upton, Chilton Primary School and the newly opened Ramsgate Free School.

As you will probably know from articles in the press, good headteachers are becoming harder to find, and it is increasingly common for heads to lead more than one school. Mr. Luxmoore is Executive Head of Dane Court and King Ethelbert schools and St George's and Charles Dickens are both led by Mrs Stoner.

What will it mean for Upton? Mrs. Lewis' role will become more strategic, focussing largely on maintaining standards. Under her guiding hand our two deputy heads, Miss Arthur and Mr Walker, will take on responsibility for the day to day leadership and management of the school.

The Governors are happy to support this initiative for the following reasons:

- Governors have been discussing for some time the possibility of forging closer links with other local schools. It is clear that as Local Education Authorities dwindle in size and resources, the government sees small groups of school working together as the best way to keep standards high. Working with two forward looking schools will offer personal growth opportunities to staff, allow us to share best practice and give Upton the chance to benefit from the greater influence it has on the direction of education in Thanet.
- We are anxious for Upton to retain the services of a truly outstanding Headteacher
- We are confident that Miss Arthur, Mr Walker and the other members of the leadership team at Upton have the capacity successfully to take on additional responsibility and continue to move Upton forward

Should you wish to ask any questions of governors do feel free to drop in to the termly 'Governor Meet and Greet' session from 2-3pm on Friday 5th February in the school library.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Curtis

Chair of Governors

