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Dear Parents/Staff

The next two years will see considerable change at Uplands. A new Deputy Head will be appointed, taking up the job in April, and the boarding houses will, after eighty years, be closing at the end of 2010.

In addition to these changes, Frances Hyson, Head of the Foundation Phase, has indicated that, after 30 years at Uplands, she will be retiring during 2009. Frances has seen the school grow from 109 to 450 children during her time here and she is respected and revered by generations of Uplands pupils. Her wonderful contribution will be fully acknowledged next year.

On the Board side too, there will be a change of leadership. After seven years as Chairman, I will be stepping down, handing the reins over to Bruce Norris, presently Vice Chairman. I will be remaining on the Board and indeed, will continue to be a member of the Board Exco.

Many of you will be aware that the Headmaster is also due to retire at the end of next year, 2009. However, in the light of the above changes, the Board has asked Gavin to stay on beyond this date. I am pleased to say that he has agreed to stay on for one more year, completing his time at Uplands at the end of 2010.

The Board has every confidence that the changes referred to will be managed smoothly and effectively, and that Uplands will continue to thrive under a new leadership team beyond 2010 and into the future.

Yours sincerely

Richard Elphick
Chairman of the Board of Directors.