

4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

### **Appointment of Headteacher**

The governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Catherine Harden as the next Headteacher of Altwood C of E School, starting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

This follows a rigorous and demanding two-day interview process involving Governors, trust members, staff, students, and senior representatives and headteacher's from other schools in the Oxford Diocese.

Mrs Harden is currently Deputy Headteacher at Desborough College and is looking forward to being part of the Altwood community. In Mrs Harden's own words:

*"I'm absolutely thrilled to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Altwood Church of England School from September 2024. It is such a warm and welcoming place with staff and students working together to create a fantastic learning environment and I can't wait to get started!"*

*The students told me 'This is a very special school' where 'everyone knows us' and that is what stood out to me most when I visited.*

*I'm really looking forward to working with all stakeholders to drive Altwood forwards in the next part of its journey as part of the Agape Multi Academy Trust and look forward to meeting you."*

In sharing this wonderful news with you, I should also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dimbleby for his committed and professional support to the Governors during the recruitment process, along with his outstanding leadership and management skills in establishing Altwood C of E School as a truly amazing school.

We are confident and excited in our road ahead as we continue to further build on the success of the school. We look forward to you being part of that journey with our staff team and new headteacher.

Yours sincerely,

Jan McLucas

Chair of Governors