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To all Parents in the Junior and Senior Schools

Dear Parents

I am sure you will be pleased to join me in congratulating Mr Andrew Rowley, Deputy Head of the Junior School, on news this week of his appointment as Head Teacher of Ditcham Park School near Petersfield, from September 2011.

Mr Rowley has taught for eight years at The Portsmouth Grammar Junior School and given outstanding service during this time in his role as Deputy Head.

We shall, of course, be very sorry to see him leave us after a such a long and happy period in post. I am, however, delighted that we shall have the benefit of his experience over the next two terms as we welcome Mr Peter Hopkinson, the new Head of the Junior School, in January. We will be advertising for a successor to Mr Rowley in the new year.

May I also take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the Winter Ball on HMS Warrior on Saturday evening such a successful celebration of the combined Junior School's tenth birthday and a highly memorable occasion on which to pay tribute to Mrs Pippa Foster, who retires at the end of this term.

It was wonderful to see over two hundred people at the event and to appreciate just how vibrant and friendly the Portsmouth Grammar Junior School community is, despite the most wintry of conditions!

As I write, we look forward to the Junior School Carol Service in St Thomas's Cathedral, one of the seasonal highlights of the school calendar, on Wednesday 8 December at 6.30 pm.

May I wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Rowley'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'J'.