

24<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian

I write to confirm that Rowley Bucknill will be leaving Swanmore CE (Aided) Primary School at the end of this academic year. He will take up a new post as Head teacher at SHAPE International School (British section) in Belgium, a UK armed forces school in September 2010. We congratulate Rowley on achieving this position as it is a significant step forward in his career and we wish him and his family every success for the future.

Whilst I am sure you will agree with the School Governors that Rowley moving on is a sad loss for our school, I would like to reassure you that the future stability of the school is not in doubt, and that the School Governors and Hampshire County Council are working together very closely to ensure that the right new Deputy Headteacher is identified in order to ensure your child's school continues to move with the times, whilst maintaining its position as an outstanding school in every respect. I will keep you appropriately informed as the situation develops.

I am also now in a position to provide you with an update on the recruitment for Andy's successor as the new Headteacher. Following a very busy few months with governors working together with Hampshire County Council on the recruitment process, the advertisement for the Headteacher post has produced five candidates. The governors are meeting on Wednesday 24 March to complete a short listing procedure, and the successful candidates from this will be called to interview for the post. Interviews will be held on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 April 2010, and I will update you accordingly following the interview process.

Yours sincerely



Ian Green

Chair of Governors