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Dear Parent / Carer

Acting Head Teacher of Whalsay School, August to December 2023

On Tuesday 16 May 2023, I wrote to you, as link education officer for Whalsay School, with an update on the Head Teacher recruitment process.

I explained that we had a preferred candidate, following a recent advertisement to all teaching staff in Shetland Islands Council for the secondment opportunity to be the Acting Head Teacher.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to recruit to the preferred candidate's substantive post and we are therefore not able to release the preferred candidate to take up the Acting Head Teacher role in Whalsay School.

However, the recruitment and selection panel, have approached another of the candidates, who we interviewed for the Acting Head Teacher post, and they have accepted the post.

We are now working through backfill arrangements for this new preferred candidate's substantive post, and we are hopeful that they will be able to take up the Head Teacher post in Whalsay School from August to December 2023.

I appreciate this is an unsettling situation for the school community and I hope to share more definitive information with you before the end of the academic session.

Yours sincerely

James Johnston
Quality Improvement Officer