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Dear All,

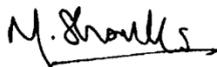
So, another week gone and another late announcement from the DfE. Whilst welcome, again, it is hard to fathom why it is left so late in the day to make a decision about something that schools have been asking for a decision on for a while. Some of you may have been contacted this week by IFF Research survey@iffresearch-dm.com entitled 'Important DfE communication: please forward to...'. This isn't spam but the DfE wanting to find out how to help schools better during Covid. Please do take the time to engage if you are invited.

I am pleased to announce that Andy Goodwin (Deputy Headteacher at Teign) and Jo Chappell (Assistant Headteacher at Coombeshead) have been successfully appointed to the positions of 'Education South West Safeguarding Leads' alongside their current roles.

I continue to be in awe of the fantastic work that is taking place in schools. On the back of assessment weeks and phonic tests it has been a pleasure to see pantomimes, festive assemblies and rehearsals in readiness for on-line and recorded carol concerts and Nativities. Schools have also take the time remind pupils to care for their communities and beyond, including gathering food for the homeless, 'shoeboxes' to send abroad, textbooks to Malawi, sending Christmas cards to care homes and other members of the community and also sponsoring children in less fortunate circumstances.

Thank you once again for all you continue to do to support one another and to support our schools.

Have a lovely, restful weekend, when it comes,



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