



Dear Parents,

You will hopefully recall our previous communication where we advised on Leadership changes planned for Preston Hedge's School this summer.

Following this and during the period when we were planning our new Leadership structure, the Department for Education advised our Academy Trust that it's new school planned for Buckton Fields (due to open in 2020) was being delayed. This somewhat untimely news means that the Trust has had to look again at its own structure for the short term.

It is important that our School and the wider Trust operate prudently within the operational and financial budgets. After consideration of a number of options, it was agreed that Mr Watson would remain as Preston Hedge's Principal for a further year (2019-2020). This role will be closely supported by our Leadership Team, such that Paul can continue to fulfil his role as Trust CEO until it is appropriate for him to take this on full time.

Whilst this is not what we had planned for, I am sure you will be happy that we will retain Paul at the heart of our school for another year. The Governing Body and Trust are grateful that Paul is willing to remain in this position, and continue to support our school with passion and commitment.

The Trust and Governing Body still have an eye on the future, and remain committed to expanding the Trust. There remains strong potential for further new and existing Schools to join Preston Hedge's, Pineham Barns and Parklands. Buckton Fields remains 'our school' and will be built, however the timing of this now appears to be dependent upon population growth in that area. We will keep you abreast of future developments, however please be assured that it remains our aim to maintain stability in our Leadership Team, whilst encouraging staff development within the Trust.

If you have any queries on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Watson.

Best Wishes for the Summer Term,

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