



30 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re. Leadership Arrangements at Fairlands Middle School

Following the letter sent to you on 29 January 2024 from Mr McHale, I write to confirm that Mr McHale has made the decision to resign from Fairlands Middle school after 16 years as a Senior Leader, the last 6 of which have been spent as Headteacher. Mr McHale has been offered an exciting opportunity to lead Brymore Academy as Headteacher and return to a 11-16 setting.

Mr McHale will continue in his role as Headteacher until the end of this academic year and lead the pupils and staff, to ensure the best continuity and consistency for the outcomes and opportunities for all.

Whilst you will undoubtedly be sad to learn that Mr McHale is leaving Fairlands, the Trust wish to assure you that the recruitment of a new Headteacher will be planned for and conducted with careful consideration and in conjunction with the needs of the school to ensure it continues to grow and flourish. The upmost support has been and will continue to be provided to the school throughout this process, and indeed for the remainder of the academic year and beyond under new leadership. Further information regarding the recruitment will be shared with you in due course.

I am sure you will join me in taking this opportunity to thank Mr McHale for his dedication and commitment to Fairlands Middle School, its pupils, staff, parents, carers, and the wider community over the past 16 years. Whilst we are sad that McHale will no longer be part of the Wessex family, we are excited for him to embark on the next stage of his career and wish him success as he takes up his new tenure at Brymore.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Fairlands Middle School and indeed the wider Trust.

Yours sincerely,

GAVIN BALL
Chief Executive