



# Fairlands Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re. Leadership arrangements at Fairlands Middle School

I am writing to share with you some future changes in the leadership at Fairlands Middle School.

Last week I was offered, and accepted, the role of Headteacher at Brymore Academy. I will be taking up the post in September 2024, and as such, be leaving Fairlands at the end of this academic year.

The decision to leave Fairlands has been one of the hardest that I have ever made in terms of my career. I am incredibly proud of the achievements that I have overseen at Fairlands during my 16 years as a senior leader, and especially those made during the last 6 years, where I have been privileged to lead the school as Headteacher. Working alongside passionate staff colleagues, supportive families and most importantly pupils who inspire me each and every day, has been an absolute highlight of my time at this fantastic school. These partnerships are what makes our school community such a brilliant place to work and learn.

Whilst I am saddened that I will not see Fairlands through its next stage of development, the opportunity to lead a truly unique school, whilst returning to an 11-16 setting is professionally exciting for me and was one that I could not refuse.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure all families that Fairlands will continue to run as normal under my leadership until the end of this academic year. I remain dedicated to working hard to lead staff and pupils to ensure the best possible learning opportunities and outcomes.

Colleagues at the Wessex Learning Trust, alongside the Local Governing Body, will continue to provide Fairlands with the upmost support to guide the school through the recruitment of a new Headteacher, and to ensure a smooth transition and handover.

I have no doubt that the next Headteacher will continue to build on the progress made at Fairlands and lead the school through the next phase of its journey.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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