



25 March 2024

Dear Fairlands Parents and Carers

Re: Leadership Arrangements at Fairlands Middle School

As you are hopefully aware, Mr McHale has made the decision to resign from Fairlands Middle school after 16 years as a Senior Leader. Due to this, a process has been undertaken centrally to appoint a new Headteacher for Fairlands Middle School.

Several shortlisted external candidates worked through an intensive 2-day process, and we are delighted to announce the decision to appoint Mrs Rebecca Bennett as the permanent Headteacher of Fairlands Middle School. Mrs Bennett will start in post officially at the beginning of the new academic year in September 2024.

Mrs Bennett's enthusiasm and drive for the success of the school, and her experiences to date instil faith that she has a clear understanding of what is required of a Headteacher in a middle school setting. We are confident that she will flourish and succeed with the support of the wider Wessex family, and more importantly with you as parents and carers of our wonderful young people.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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Director of Primary & Deputy Chief Executive