



19 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Leadership Arrangements at Fairlands Middle School

We recently shared with you Mr McHale's decision to resign as Headteacher of Fairlands Middle School and the appointment of Mrs Rebecca Bennett with effect from 1 September 2024.

In recent weeks, Brymore Academy has requested for Mr McHale to join them in Term 6 in a full-time capacity as Headteacher, to which we have agreed. We therefore wish to share with you that a member of the Wessex Learning Trust Central Leadership Team will become the interim Headteacher from 1 June 2024 through until 31 August 2024.

Mrs Joanne Cowper, Deputy Director of Learning of the Wessex Learning Trust has spent a considerable amount of time at Fairlands Middle School this academic year and therefore a familiar face to our school colleagues and our learners. We offer the assurance that Mrs Cowper can lead the school in Term 6 with a great deal of knowledge of the direction that the school is heading and will ensure that Mrs Bennett is fully equipped with a seamless handover in the exciting new academic year.

Thank you for the continued support that you show to the team at Fairlands, and we take this opportunity once again to wish Mr McHale our very best in his new venture.

Yours sincerely

GAVIN BALL
Chief Executive