

No 1 Multi Academy Trust for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes

DFE PERFORMANCE TABLES 2019 AND NO 3 IN 2018

Top 10 National Pupil Progress

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10th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well. I would like to start by thanking all parents across the Trust's academies for the continued support and encouragement you have given to your children throughout the coronavirus crisis, including all the time you are giving the children to support them with remote learning during this national lockdown. Thank you.

I also wanted to let you know about some important news regarding the leadership of the Trust. Mrs Atkinson has been an excellent educator, leader and selfless developer of others in the 10 years she has led the Trust. Mrs Atkinson has now decided that this year will be her last in teaching and will therefore step down at the end of the Spring Term.

This year marks 40 years of Mrs Atkinson's career in education and her tenth year as Chief Executive Officer for the Learning Academy Partnership. In 2011, while working as Headteacher at Ilsham Church of England Primary School, Mrs Atkinson founded the Trust, and became its first CEO.

Mrs Atkinson has been committed to ensuring that the most disadvantaged have a great education and this is reflected in years of outstanding achievements. The 2019 MAT league tables show that the Trust has the highest attainment for disadvantaged pupils. In 2018 and 2019 league tables, the Trust has also been in the Top Ten performing MATs for progress in both Reading and Maths.

As a National Leader of Education, Mrs Atkinson has an impressive track record of supporting Heads and schools, not just within the Trust, but across the South West, and has significantly impacted the quality of education in many institutions.

Her contributions to the Trust have been unmatched and after so many years of dedicated service and commitment to growing the Learning Academy Partnership into the successful Trust it is, we would like to wish Mrs Atkinson the absolute best and a very happy retirement when she steps down in April.

We will be very sad to see her leave us, but I am delighted to announce that our new Chief Executive will be Miss Cleverly, our current Director of Education. Miss Cleverly has been in this role since 2016, and has been a member of staff within the Trust since it was founded.

Miss Cleverly has a rich history working in education and has previous Local Authority experience before her time at the Learning Academy Partnership. Over the years, Miss Cleverly has been Deputy Head at Ellacombe supporting Mrs Atkinson in bringing the school out of special measures. Since then, they have worked closely to make great strides for the children the Trust educates, and I know Miss Cleverly has been instrumental in the success of the Learning Academy Partnership.

Finally, in order to fill the role of Director of Education, we have appointed Mrs Bone, who is currently the Trust's Executive Lead for School Improvement. Mrs Bone has worked within the Trust for nine years, has been Headteacher at many of the Trust's schools, and works within the Executive Team.

We are so pleased to have appointed Miss Cleverly as our new leader and Mrs Bone as our new Director of Education, and look forward to the next chapter in our Trust's story. We are sure the Trust will continue to reach new heights and achieve exceptional outcomes for our pupils, staff and local communities, building on the firm foundations Mrs Atkinson has put in place. Thank you all again for your continued support.

With very best wishes,

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