



**The Park
Academies
Trust**

Thursday 6th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm delighted to announce that Gemma Piper has been appointed as the new CEO of The Park Academies Trust.

Gemma comes with an excellent track record as a Trust CEO in Berkshire where she has built a reputation for school improvement and development and fostered a culture of community and civic collaboration.

Gemma was clearly the outstanding candidate and consistently impressed the panel during a rigorous recruitment process.

Gemma began her career in education as a computing teacher. As a Headteacher she led a large secondary school on its journey to being judged by Ofsted as being Outstanding; from being previously rated as Requires Improvement.

She is also a serving Ofsted Inspector and can offer invaluable training and insights from the regulatory body.

She is thrilled to become part of TPAT and is looking forward to meeting staff, pupils, parents and carers as soon as possible.

The new CEO joins as TPAT continues to grow with two schools joining this year and a total of eight schools within the Trust from this September. Two new primaries, Bridlewood and Kingfisher, and two new secondaries Highworth Warneford and the Deanery will have joined TPAT in the last 18 months.

Our thanks go to Deputy CEO James Nicholson, who has led the trust impeccably during a period of change and his steadfast leadership and diligence has been exemplary. James will remain as CEO until Gemma joins in September, upon which will return to his substantive role as Deputy CEO and Director of Finance & Operations.

The encouragement you give your children and your engagement with school and staff is a vital element of the excellent education we aim to deliver and we are very grateful for all your support.

We're proud to have a central role in our community which benefits all the children we teach and care for.

We do not foresee any significant changes to the day-to-day running of the schools in the Trust during the recruitment and appointment of a new CEO, who will take over in the new year. It will be very much business as usual, but please feel free to send any questions you may have to ask@theparkacademiestrust.com

Kind regards



Matthew Dixon
Chair of Trustees



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