



9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that the return to school has gone well for your child/children. Despite schools now being fully open, these remain challenging times for families. I would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding with the new arrangements and operation at our schools.

You will know, from the updates and emails from your own school, that all the staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure a welcoming and safe place for your returning children and we very much appreciate how parents are following the new systems. From the many positive comments that we have received following the return to school for all, I know that you would like to join the Trustees in sending sincere thanks to Head-teachers and all their staff for their outstanding commitment to ensuring the wellbeing of every child in our Trust.

I am now emailing you all to update you regarding our recruitment process to fill the Trust Leader role, previously known as Executive Headteacher. While we all respected and admired Darren Webb, he would have been the first to remind us that we must move on to secure outstanding leadership for the Trust. To that end we have completed the recruitment process of a new Trust Leader who will take Coppice Primary Partnership forward in the spirit, ethos and values of our Trust.

I am, therefore, delighted to announce the appointment of Mark Chatley who will join us as Trust Leader with effect from Easter 2021.

Mark is currently an experienced Headteacher from a local primary school who shares our commitment to the uniqueness of primary education. Together with Trustees and Staff, Mark will work to ensure that every child's time at our schools will be a positive experience and something that they will remember fondly for the rest of their lives.

Until that time the Trust will continue to be led by the Trustees.

Thank you again, to everyone for their ongoing commitment and support to our schools and Trust.

Stay well and keep safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carole Hardy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'C' and 'H'.

Carole Hardy  
Chair of Trustees