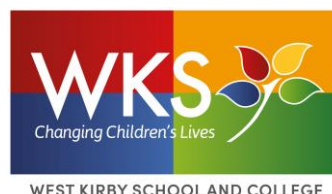


9th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the new year starts, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important developments for our school community.

I think it is fair to say that 2023 was a milestone year for us. Not only did we collectively secure some outstanding successes, but the charity that sits behind our school also started to bring its vision to support more young people to reality. The progress that was made in preparing for the opening of Acre View Primary School, for example, has been phenomenal. As a result, the Board believe that now is the right time to look at how we can further strengthen our offer for young people and their families across the North West.

Therefore, I will be taking the step of becoming CEO of our organisation at the end of this academic year. While I have had a dual role for some time (as Principal and CEO), the opening of Acre View and the prospect of extending additional services means that more and more of my time will be taken up with developing some exciting wider opportunities.

It is also hugely important that this does not detract from all the amazing things that happen at WKS, so the decision has been made to separate out the role of Principal from that of CEO.

We will, therefore, shortly be launching a national recruitment campaign to find a new Head Teacher for WKS, to start in September. Not only will we be looking for someone with the right educational expertise and experience, it is also crucially important that we find someone with the right character, values and ethos. Our school is a real family, and that sense of community needs to remain.

While I appreciate that there will always be questions whenever there is change, I genuinely believe that this is a much-needed step to help us build on the good work we are able to do, while looking at how we can also better meet the needs of our community.

Thank you for your continued support for your children and the staff of WKS.

Kind regards

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