



Ark John Keats Academy

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Dear families,

It has been wonderful to walk around your child's lessons since half term. Pupils are working harder and are more focused than ever and are a real credit to themselves and to you. Thank you so much for all your support in ensuring your children come to school ready to learn and ready to reach their full potential.

I am writing to you today to give you an update on some staffing information.

In March 2022, I will be going on maternity leave. In order to ensure our school continues its improvement and your children continue to benefit from an excellent education, from January 2022, I am delighted to let you know that our current Vice Principal, Ms Marshall, will be stepping into the role of Secondary Headteacher in an interim capacity. Ms Marshall's current focus is improving our school's curriculum and teaching, and she has had a real impact on this work since joining our school in April 2020, having worked as a Vice Principal in another Ark school previously. Her experience and her impact shows that she is well placed to take on additional responsibilities, and I look forward to her increased impact on the positive experience your children have at our school.

Ms Marshall will run the secondary school in my absence, a transition that we know will be particularly smooth given the time we have planned in the new year to handover. In my absence, our Executive Principal, Ms Curtis, will move to directly manage our Primary School, and she will continue to support our secondary school by working with Ms Marshall from March onwards.

I am delighted that we have been able to appoint such a capable and experienced Secondary Headteacher to continue to run the school in my absence. It is great for the school to have the benefit of the continuity of leadership Ms Marshall will bring, as well as the continuity Ms Curtis's role as Executive Principal provides for the full course of this academic year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Jo Facer
Principal