



14 Mar '19

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s):

After many years of excellent service to the school, Tim Chamberlin recently made a decision to retire from his position of Headteacher at the end of this academic year. The Stephen Sutton Multi-Academy Trust Board and the school's Governing Body are very grateful to Tim for all that he has contributed to the school and its community, both in his role as Headteacher and in his previous role as Deputy Headteacher.

In this context, it was for the Trust Board to decide on the course of action and a decision has now been made on the arrangements that will take effect from 1 September '19. The Trust has made its decision based on what it believes is the most effective option with regard to providing the best possible education for students.

From next academic year, Nik Mason, who is currently Deputy Headteacher at the school, will be 'Head of School' and will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the school. Nik has been extremely effective in her current role and she has the full confidence of the Trust Board and Governing Body in taking on this key position. Nik will work in partnership with Stuart Jones, who will hold the position of 'Executive Headteacher'. Stuart is a Director of the Trust and was (for eight years), prior to Tim Chamberlin, the school's Headteacher. Stuart will hold strategic level responsibility but, in most situations, Nik will be the most senior point of contact for parents/carers. In order to maintain capacity in the senior leadership team, a Deputy Headteacher will also be recruited into the team, for a September start.

Tim Chamberlin is, of course, the school's Headteacher for the remainder of the academic year but Nik and Stuart will play important roles in helping to make preparations for the next academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely:

Richard Williams, Chair of Stephen Sutton Multi-Academy Trust

Di Evans, Chair of Governors and Trust Director

Stuart Jones, Executive Director of Stephen Sutton Multi-Academy Trust