

Recruitment of new Headteacher for Lord St Primary School

14th October, 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, Mrs Walsh will take up her new post with Star Academies in January, so Trust leaders and governors have the task of recruiting a new headteacher for Lord St as soon as possible.

Mrs Walsh has overseen many developments at Lord St over the last 4 years, and we are grateful for her significant contribution to both the school and our trust. She leaves with our very best wishes. We will be looking for a leader who will build further on the progress the school has made during that time and forge further collaboration across the trust.

With 2 other primary schools, and 2 secondaries in the trust, we have a lot of leadership expertise across our organisation and may find the next headteacher from within. At the same time, we may wish to appoint someone with experience outside of our trust. In that case, the successful candidate would not take up the post until April, because of deadlines for resignation dates in schools.

Securing an excellent headteacher for Lord St. is a top priority for me, trustees and school governors. If we can do that quickly, all the better. If it takes us a little longer to get the right person, I am very confident that, with support from Mrs Canty (Executive Lead for the primary phase in Apex Collaborative Trust) leaders will sustain the high levels of provision at the school in the coming months.

Should you have any questions about this matter, do not hesitate to contact me or The Chair of Lord St.'s Local School Committee, Claire Clayton, via our trust email: enquiries@apex-trust.org

Yours sincerely



John Tarbox

Chief Executive Officer