



11th July 2016

Dear Parents

I am delighted to inform you that on 1st July 2016, the Department for Education approved our application to create a new Multi Academy Trust for Whittlesey. The new trust, initially consisting of Sir Harry Smith Community College, Park Lane Primary and Nursery School and New Road Primary School, will be called the Aspire Learning Trust.

This is an exciting new development for education in the area and we believe that this will have a very positive impact on the outcomes for our children, young people and our local community.

Our mission statement is:

"Aspire Learning Trust strives to provide outstanding all-round education and care for the children in our community, from Nursery through to Sixth Form. Our schools work together to help every child achieve their full potential, to prepare them for their next educational steps, to teach them kindness and respect for all, and to equip them to play a full and satisfying role in society."

I will have the overall responsibility for the education of all the children in the three schools and will work with Miss White, who is now the Associate Principal of Sir Harry Smith Community College and Mr Litten, who continues to be the Executive Headteacher of New Road Primary School and Park Lane Primary and Nursery School.

The key changes will be in how the schools are governed, with a new Board of Directors being responsible for the quality of education across the Trust, with local governing bodies directly responsible for the quality of education provided in their school. The higher level strategic planning, HR, finance and infrastructure will now be the responsibility of the Board of Directors. The Board will then be overseen by a small group of Members who ensure that the Trust is true to its aims and vision.

We are looking for a number of new parent governors to join the local governing bodies. Please contact your child's school if you are interested in contributing to the development of the schools over the next few years.

I look forward to informing you of our success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Digby', written in a cursive style.

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