



3 March 2016

Dear Parents/carers,

As you know our Principal Daniel Hatley has secured a headship closer to his home and he was intending on starting his new post in September. However his new school are keen for him to start as soon as possible, and he will now be stepping down from his role over the Easter term break.

While it's unfortunate that Mr Hatley is leaving early, we are pleased to announce that Vice Principal Terry Kelly will be stepping up to be the acting Principal from the start of the summer term. Ms Kelly is an experienced educator who knows Ark William Parker well and the school will be in very capable hands with her.

We will also be announcing a new secondary Regional Director for Hastings around Easter. We believe the combination of Ms Kelly's promotion along with a new senior leader for Ark in Hastings will give Ark William Parker the solid foundation it needs for its future. We will of course keep you updated.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April is now going to be a school INSET day at Ark William Parker. This will allow Ms Kelly time with school staff and to welcome a number of new teachers into her team.

In the meantime, I want to thank Daniel for the hard work and dedication he has shown the school. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him well in his new endeavour and I thank you for your continued support for the school.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Curtis".

Rebecca Curtis  
Executive Chair of Governors  
Ark William Parker Academy and Ark Helenswood Academy