

# Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Chilton Parents and Carers,

**Exciting times ahead...** One of our abiding principles in the Viking Academy Trust is **'Getting Better Never Stops'**. The essence of this is that for any organisation to continue to develop, it must seek out ways for it to improve what it does. This is no less true for us than anyone else. It is our mission to improve the educational experience of the children in our care so that they will be better learners and better people as a result of having passed through our schools. In order to do this, we need the very best teachers and leaders so that our schools can be the very best they can be.

To this end, we have created a new senior leader role at Viking entitled **'Director of Education'**. The heart of the role will be to ensure that our schools are continually refining and improving what we offer to the children, that our staff are highly skilled and highly motivated, to give your children the education they deserve.

In order to bring this role to life, we have needed to look no further than the Trust itself, as the very best candidate for the role was here all along. I am delighted and proud to announce that, as of September 1st, **Mrs. Law** will be taking over as our new Director of Education for the Viking Academy Trust. This is a trust wide role that will allow her to use her expertise across the three schools which operate under our umbrella, a role which will see her work with the Heads and leadership teams across Chilton, Ramsgate Arts and Upton Junior School.

Mrs. Law's promotion is hugely deserved and follows 8 years as an outstanding headteacher at Chilton, a time when the school has experienced the most successful period in its history. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mrs Law, and I am sure you will join me in offering her our congratulations and best wishes for a successful future in her new role.

Of course, as we celebrate the filling of one new role, this creates an opening for the Head of School at Chilton, and now is the time for us to appoint a new leader to continue Chilton's journey! We have been advertising for a new Head of School for the past month. It is a reflection of the school's high standing that the advertisement attracted a strong field of applicants from leading schools across London and the south-east. We have shortlisted three very strong candidates and will interview next week. Children, staff, leaders and governors will be involved in the 2-day interview process, and we will update you once an appointment has been made.

This is an exciting time in the life of Chilton, and the Trust and I very much look forward to working with Mrs. Law in her new role as well as the new Head of School when the appointment has been made.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest wishes

Mrs. Michaela Lewis

Executive Headteacher

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