

12 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness that we learn about Martin Dale's decision to stand down as the Headteacher after four years of impressive work due to ill health. He has worked with insight and passion for the students and community of Fowey River Academy. Throughout his tenure, Martin has shown principled leadership and determination to do the right thing and has worked tirelessly to develop the teaching and learning, ethos and culture and overall school environment. He has brought innovative ideas to the school and his humour will be irreplaceable.

Martin has successfully improved staffing, resources and facilities, as well as the ethos of the school with his unique thinking and design skills and creative approach to problem-solving. Yet, at the same time he has had to navigate the fortunes of the school through its improvement journey that was often hampered by the previous ALAT Trust.

As a long-term colleague of Martin, I would like to wish him a speedy recovery and good luck as he moves to a new stage in his career when he returns to full strength. He will be sadly missed by many staff and students and it is with much gratitude that I thank him for all he has done for the Academy.

The Trustees and local Governors will be meeting as soon as possible to organise a replacement for Martin. The recruitment period will begin in the autumn term 2020. In the meantime, Mr Ben Eddy, who has been in place since November 2019, will ensure the continued leadership of the school, with the intention of remaining in place until a new head is successfully appointed.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Eddy for stepping into the role at Fowey when Mr Dale became ill, keeping the ship steady as it moves to its next stage of development with a new leadership team.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sara Davey'.

Sara Davey
Chief Executive Officer

For and on behalf of the
Leading Edge Academies Partnership