



The Parkside School

Head Teacher's Update



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Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of the Summer Term and this school year, I would like to update you on the following areas:

Staffing and Classes for September

We will be welcoming two new Teachers in September Mrs Kent who will be based in our Primary School and Mrs Barlow who will be in Secondary School.

We are currently in the process of moving two classes one of which has previously been a move around class, but which from September will be a static class. This is being carried out at times to cause the least disturbance to students but may be something they talk about at home.

Multi-Academy Trust

Following a decision by John Grant School Governors not to proceed with AIMAT, Parkside will also no longer be proceeding with formation of the MAT.

I have, however been in early discussions with the Heads of the other Norwich Special Schools around support for each other and some of the other initiatives which were appealing

about joining a MAT but as a less formal arrangement. These discussions will be picked up in the Autumn term, and I will update you all when I have more detail.

Pupil Progress

Since introducing the structured time for working with and monitoring progress for pupils' EHC Plan outcomes in April, we have invested in a new reporting software system which we will be rolling out to the whole school for EHCP outcomes but also trialing with Primary school for all academic reporting.

I wish everyone a restful Summer break and look forward to seeing all our pupils in September.