

December 2018

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that the interim headteacher of The Parker E-ACT Academy, Mr Tailor, will be leaving the academy at the end of this term to move back to his home city of London. Having joined The Parker in June from West Walsall E-ACT Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and support during his time here.

From January 2019, Mrs Jenny Gatley will be stepping up as acting headteacher. I am delighted that the academy will also be benefitting from the leadership of Mr Matthew Flannigan, National Senior Advisor at E-ACT.

Mr Flannigan brings with him a wealth of experience in school improvement, and his knowledge of our community will be invaluable to both students and staff. You can expect to see him regularly at the academy over the coming weeks, and I know that he is very much looking forward to working with you.

I can also confirm that we will be immediately starting a national recruitment campaign for a new headteacher to start at the academy in September 2019. I will keep parents updated on the recruitment process.

We will also be arranging a parents' evening in January so that parents and carers can meet Mr Flannigan in person – an invitation will be sent to you early in the new year. Mr Flannigan will be taking the opportunity to outline our school improvement plans and will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Please get in touch with Mrs Gatley ([Jenny.Gatley@E-ACT.org.uk](mailto:Jenny.Gatley@E-ACT.org.uk)) or Mr Flannigan ([Matthew.Flannigan@E-ACT.org.uk](mailto:Matthew.Flannigan@E-ACT.org.uk)) directly with any queries. In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the academy, and I wish you all a happy Christmas break.

Yours faithfully,

**Joanna Hall**

Regional Education Director (Midlands)

