



Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to share an update regarding leadership at Red Kite Learning Trust. As you may be aware, our founding Chief Executive Officer, Mr Richard Sheriff, will be retiring and leaving our Trust at February half term.

Richard has led our Trust since its establishment over ten years ago and, prior to this, served as Headteacher of both Harrogate Grammar School and Temple Moor High School.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Richard for his outstanding leadership, vision and dedication. Red Kite Learning Trust would not be what it is today without his tireless commitment to nurturing ambition, delivering excellence and enriching the lives of children and young people across all of our schools and the wider Red Kite Alliance. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping our Trust's values, culture and continued success and giving our Trust a national voice and reputation.

Richard is now looking forward to a well-earned retirement, and the Board of Trustees would like to wish him every happiness for the future.

Mr Ian Tucker will take over the role of Chief Executive Officer on Monday 16 February. Mr Tucker is currently the CEO of another Trust and will bring with him a wealth and breadth of experience across all phases of education, having previously been the Headteacher of a junior school, a primary school and then two large secondary schools. He has been working closely with Mr Sheriff and leaders across the Trust over recent months to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

Thank you for your continued support of Red Kite Learning Trust.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chris Tulley
Chair of Trustees
Red Kite Learning Trust

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