

LILLINGTON NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Finham Park Multi Academy Trust Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and managing all the challenges that we have all had to juggle at home and work during these unprecedented times!

Some of you will be aware that Lillington Primary has been supported in its school improvement work by colleagues from Finham Park Multi Academy Trust and Warwickshire County Council over the past two terms, since September 2019. You will have already received Ofsted's second monitoring visit report (published 11th May 2020) from the Spring Term and will hopefully be reassured by the positive developments reflected in the text. This is an exciting time for the school and I have been proud to be associated with Lillington – especially over the last 14 weeks during the lockdown period. Ms Wallis-O'Dell and her team of staff have worked tirelessly to ensure more and more children have been welcomed back to school in safety – and will soon be sharing details about how all pupils can return in September – not quite as normal but enough to give the children the education they deserve and to give some parents/carers a break at home! However, although we are on our way, there is still much to do in helping Lillington Primary reach its full potential as soon as possible.

Following a period of due diligence, and approval by the Department for Education and Warwickshire County Council, I am delighted to inform you that the Board of Trustees at Finham Park Multi Academy Trust have approved that Lillington Primary School should join the Trust as soon as possible.

A short introduction to Mark Bailie: I have worked in education for thirty years and have been a Head teacher since 2005 – most recently from 2009-2017 at Finham Park School in Coventry. My vision for education is a simple one:

- Every child has a right to a World Class education
- Every child should feel safe and be safe at school
- Every child should enjoy 'the time of their lives' while at school, creating memories for a lifetime
- Every school should identify that one special talent that every child has inside them and nurture it with care

I have been a serving inspector for Ofsted for the last five years and transferred to become the full-time Executive Head teacher at Finham Park Multi Academy Trust in 2017. We currently work together with primary and secondary schools, aiming to deliver a "World Class" education for all children – no excuses. Lillington Primary School will be joining the following schools in our Trust:

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| • Finham Park School | Ofsted 'Outstanding' 2010 & 2015 |
| • Lyng Hall School | Ofsted 'Good' with outstanding features 2019 |
| • Finham Park 2 School | Ofsted 'Good' 2018 |
| • Finham Primary School | Ofsted 'Good' 2019 |
| • Pearl Hyde Primary School | Ofsted 'Good' 2019 |

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We take a pride in our schools serving a range of different phases and contexts in Coventry & Warwickshire and Lillington children will benefit from many rich experiences that are offered across all our schools – for example Mandarin Chinese; MAT VEX Robotics; Mathematics; Inter-MAT Sports; MAT Student Leadership events etc.

I am firm in my belief that Lillington Primary School will recover from its current Ofsted position quickly and will once again become a beacon of excellence for Lillington children. As soon as the conversion process has been completed, we will work together with you and your children to develop an exciting vision for the school that will reflect all our ambitions for Lillington in the future.

I believe the benefits of working together in a local Coventry & Warwickshire-based MAT are enormous. The breadth of school context at Finham Park MAT is one of the widest in the region and we are looking forward to benefiting from the expertise that undoubtedly already exists at your school, as well as offering appropriate support and challenge in bringing about rapid improvements in all areas of school life. I sincerely hope you will both enjoy and contribute to a marvellous future for Lillington Primary and look forward to working with you all.

I look forward to meeting you as soon as the current situation allows and will hopefully be in a position to explain a bit more about what working together in our MAT feels like – together with answering any more questions you may have.

Yours faithfully

Mark Bailie

Victoria Wallis-O'Dell

Executive Head teacher

Head Teacher