

20th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Mrs Rowe- Jones

We are writing to give you an update on Mrs Rowe-Jones, following the stroke that she suffered a few weeks ago. Mrs Rowe-Jones remains poorly and is currently receiving specialist care at home, to support her recovery. As you would imagine, this has been a distressing time for all concerned and our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Rowe Jones and her family, during this very difficult time. We are sure you will join with us in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

Interim Leadership Structure

During Mrs Rowe- Jones absence, it has been necessary to rethink and restructure the leadership structure across our South Hams schools: Thurlestone C of E Academy, Charleton C of E Academy and West Alvington C of E Academy, in order to ensure strong leadership and increased capacity during her absence.

Miss Garside

We are pleased to advise you that Miss Garside, an experienced Headteacher, currently Head of Academy at All Saints Marsh, Newton Abbot, will be joining the South Hams family of academies in an acting Executive Head role. Miss Garside, an excellent Head, will be working with the academies to ensure stability and continuity of an excellent educational experience for your children. Miss Garside already knows our schools well as she has worked closely alongside Mrs Rowe Jones and supported the work of the Local Governance Committee.

Miss Garside will contact you early in the new year to arrange an opportunity to meet with her and the team.

In addition, from January 2019 the leadership team structure in our South Hams schools will be as follows:

Thurlestone C of E Academy: Mr Shelling and Miss Kingston

Charleton: Mrs Coombe (Assistant Head)

West Alvington: Mrs Crossley

Miss Garside and each of our South Hams schools will also continue to be supported by our Trust central education and central operations teams. In particular: Mrs Bone, a National Leader of Education; Miss Cleverly, Director of Education; Mrs Palmer, National Maths Specialist leader; Mrs Pascall, SEND leader as well as colleagues from across the Trust.

Mr Lewis Cole will no longer be part of the leadership structure in the South Hams Hub in January. We would like to thank Mr Lewis Cole for his support across our schools in the South Hams over the past term.



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We would also like to welcome Mrs Brodie to the academy office at Thurlestone, from January, as the new Senior Administrator for All Saints' Thurlestone and Hub Lead for our South Hams Schools.

Nursery Provision

We are thrilled that we are now able to provide nursery education for children at all of our South Hams schools. Thurlestone C of E Academy will be the latest new nursery. This follows the introduction of our new nursery provision at both Charleton and West Alvington academies. Thank you for your support to the consultation to change the age range at Thurlestone. Hot off the press, the Department of Education have approved the change and we look forward to welcoming the nursery children into the academy family in January. Our nursery provision will be supported by Miss Kingston, Early Years Lead at Thurlestone working with current staff and the Trust Early Years Lead, Mrs Edwards.

There are currently places available in all our nurseries; please spread the word.

We will continue the offer of funded part and full-time sessions as well as competitive paid sessions for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years. This includes:-

- Golden Tickets: Free childcare for 2-year-olds
- Free childcare for 3 and 4-year-olds
- Tax Free childcare
- 30 hours free childcare
- Voucher schemes

The following link gives you further information:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/early-years-and-childcare/childcare>

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. I know that Mrs Rowe Jones would wish to send her warmest wishes for Christmas to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Atkinson".

Mrs L Atkinson
Chief Executive Officer
Learning Academy Partnership on behalf of
Charleton , West Alvington and All Saints' Thurlestone