

Friday 15th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to announce that on Friday 1st September, Piper's Vale Community Primary School transferred into the Paradigm Trust, and has been re-named Piper's Vale Primary Academy.

Paradigm Trust's aim is to lead by example – to exemplify excellent educational practice. All our schools constantly work towards providing each pupil with the outstanding education that they deserve. We believe that every child should have equal access to knowledge, skills, opportunities, aspirations, life chances and dignity. We have a strong track record of bringing excellent standards to our existing schools, and believe that delivering equally high standards is achievable at Piper's Vale Primary Academy.

What is Paradigm Trust?

Founded in 2013, Paradigm Trust is a multi-academy educational trust that manages five other schools: Ipswich Academy and Murrayfield Primary Academy in Suffolk and three primary schools in London. In most cases, Paradigm takes over the management of a school because the school has been inspected by Ofsted and found to be failing. Ben Carter, the principal of Culloden Academy in London (an outstanding Ofsted rated academy) will become the Executive Principal and will work alongside the Headteacher, Paul Arch.

Why was Paradigm Trust chosen?

Suffolk Council and the regional schools commissioner chose Paradigm Trust for two reasons. First, its local connections: Paradigm Trust is the sponsor of Ipswich Academy and Murrayfield Primary Academy, and therefore has experience of working in the local area. Second, its acknowledged excellence in turning failing schools around: the Trust runs three primary schools in London, two of which are rated as Outstanding by Ofsted, while the most recent addition is rated as Good with Outstanding features. All these schools were in special measures or required improvement before Paradigm got involved.

What changes can you expect?

From this point forward, there will be improvements in the quality of teaching, leadership and governance. We expect improvements in standards to be noticeable from the first term onwards. Within the first three weeks of term, Ben Carter, alongside Paul Arch, will complete a review of all classes and teaching. A team of former school inspectors commissioned by Ben Carter will also visit the school to conduct a thorough review. At the end of this, there will be a clear action plan for how to improve standards rapidly.

The key to improving standards for your children is great teaching. All staff will transfer to Paradigm Trust but there will be changes as we improve the teaching to give your children the education they deserve. We will keep you informed about these changes.

We will be keeping the school website up to date with all the information you need, and you can also contact the office at Piper's Vale if there is any more information you need.

We are excited about working with you and your children and ensuring they enjoy the same successes as pupils at our other Trust schools and achieve outstanding results.

Yours faithfully

David Willis
Chairman