



HOLLAND PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know that on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019, the Regional Schools Commissioner's Headteacher Board met and agreed that Alton Park Junior School and Holland Park Primary School should join The Sigma Trust.

Sigma is a local MAT (multi-academy trust) with 10 schools in Clacton, Harwich and Colchester. The mission for each of their academies is "to ensure no child is left behind" and this supports their vision "to ensure that all of our academies are at least 'Good' with strong and improving outcomes and are able to demonstrate outstanding provision". You can find out more about Sigma on their website [www.sigmatrust.org.uk](http://www.sigmatrust.org.uk).

Sigma will begin to provide support to Alton Park and Holland Park schools immediately after half term and will be working in partnership with Learning Pathways Academy Trust (LPAT). LPAT comprises three academies – including White Hall Academy here in Clacton – and will bring a wealth of experience in primary education to the partnership. You can find out more about LPAT on their website [www.learningpathwaysacademytrust.co.uk](http://www.learningpathwaysacademytrust.co.uk).

As part of this support, I am pleased to be able to let you know that, with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, Miss Nicky Sirett will join Alton Park Junior School as acting Headteacher on an interim basis. Miss Sirett has extensive experience as a teacher and headteacher, and has led primary schools in Suffolk and Essex. Mr Welch will now step down as interim Executive Headteacher. Mrs Norfolk, Headteacher of Alton Park Junior School, will not be returning to the school after the half term break as she will be moving on to other opportunities. The leadership at Holland Park Primary School remains unchanged.

The formal transfer of the schools will occur in due course following the completion of the necessary legal processes. Staff employed at Alton Park Junior School and Holland Park Primary School will continue to work there following the transfer. Until the transfer takes place, Premier Learning Trust will continue to be responsible for the schools.

I believe this is an exciting step for Alton Park Junior School and Holland Park Primary School and that Sigma and LPAT will provide excellent support and development for our schools and their pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please discuss these with the headteacher at your child's school in the first instance. In the meantime, I wish you an enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Trustees

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