

Important information regarding the future of our school

I wanted to take a moment of your time to share with you some really exciting news regarding the future of Bishop Barrington School.

We are delighted to announce that Mr G. Sowerby has been appointed as the new Headteacher at Bishop Barrington School and will assume post on the 1st September 2021.

Mr Sowerby brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience of working in similar schools to ours in various positions of responsibility including as Senior Deputy Headteacher at Parkside Academy, a school rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted.

Students, staff, governors and the community are looking forward to working under the leadership of Mr Sowerby having heard his vision for the future of the school whilst he's been working with us on a part time secondment over the last six months.

Mr Sowerby and the Senior Leaders in school will now build their team for future success and I am sure that you will join with me in wishing them well in the next stages of the school's future.

In order to secure that successful future, Bishop Barrington School will join the Advanced Learning Partnership (ALP) Multi Academy trust from September 1st 2021. Governors consulted on the school joining ALP earlier in the year and we are very pleased to inform you all that the school will join the forward thinking, collaborative and hugely supportive trust from the start of next academic year. ALP have a proven track record of exceptional support for schools, students and staff and have made a significant positive impact on the schools that are already working with the trust across county Durham.

I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that the future is bright for Bishop Barrington School.

The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr N. Powell for his tenure as Acting Headteacher, taking up the reins at a challenging time for the school. Mr Powell's commitment and dedication to our school has guided us through a turbulent period.

Many thanks for your continued support

With best wishes,

Elizabeth Thompson

Chair of governors

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