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15 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

September 2026 marks an exciting new chapter for Park Community School as we become an all-through school, following the amalgamation of Riders Federation and Park. While the Riders schools will no longer exist in name, education will continue on the Riders site with Park Community School operating across two campuses.

As we move to become a 4-16 school, the Governing Body has agreed a new leadership structure for the 2026-2027 academic year. This structure is designed to support a smooth transition and to ensure that the arrangements are right for the children, students, families and staff of Park Community School.

From September, the Governing Body has asked Mr Anders to take on the role of Executive Headteacher. His focus will be on ensuring that our "Much More Than Just a School" ethos is strengthened, developed and embedded across the full 4-16 school. This will include supporting new initiatives, developing vocational learning, expanding nursery provision, and ensuring that the school remains on a secure financial footing.

Mrs Capaldi will take on the role of Headteacher at Park Community School. She will be supported by two Deputy Headteachers. The Governing Body has asked Mr Bryce to take on the role of Secondary Campus Deputy Headteacher, while Mrs Leach and Mr Bourton will job-share the role of Primary Campus Deputy Headteacher. When they are not based on the primary campus, Mrs Leach and Mr Bourton will continue to work as Assistant Headteachers, as they have done this year. Mrs Maskill will take on the role of Deputy Primary Campus Leader, supporting Mrs Leach and Mr Bourton.



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Although it is sad that Riders is closing, we are pleased that the children have a secure and exciting future as part of an extended Park Community School. The governing bodies of both Park and the Riders Federation have been working closely together to prepare and plan for the amalgamation. Their shared aim has been to ensure that children, students, staff and families are fully supported through this period of change. If you have any questions, please speak to the school leaders.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the significant work of Mr Anders, Mrs Capaldi, Mrs Leach, Mr Bourton, and the Governing Bodies at Riders and Park. Their commitment over the past year, and indeed over a much longer period, has helped to make this exciting plan possible. Once the new school year begins, school leaders will share further information with you about the wider staffing team.

Yours sincerely

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Barry Harwood
Chair of Governors

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