



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Summer Update 2020

I hope you and your families are as well as can be expected during these unusual and challenging times.

Since I last wrote to you earlier in the year there have been a number of changes within Thrive, in particular we welcome Kingsbury Academy (formerly Three Spires) into the Thrive family of schools; this letter therefore, also serves as a welcome to the children, families and staff working at Kingsbury Academy in Coventry. Thrive now officially comprises of two schools, Calthorpe in Birmingham and Kingsbury Academy in Coventry; our new satellite, Belgravia School for Primary aged children with Autism, will open in Birmingham in January 2021.

As explained in previous communications there are very many reasons why Thrive has chosen to grow a Multi-Academy Trust and all these reasons directly relate to improving outcomes for the young people we serve. One particular benefit is being able to retain our high skilled and dedicated workforce as there are many more opportunities for professional development and, if they want it, progression. I am sure you will appreciate, that whilst quality buildings and resources are highly desirable, the biggest impact we can have is by employing and retaining high quality staff.

Given the growth of Thrive, and potential future projects, the interim leadership roles at Calthorpe have been agreed for another year; I will retain the Executive Headship role for both Kingsbury and Calthorpe but I will not be leading them on a day to day basis. At Calthorpe Mounir Meghalsi will continue for another year as Headteacher, and at Kingsbury Susannah Roberts will take over the Interim Headship role from Craig Bennett who is leaving to take up another position within Thrive

Since I last communicated with you much has changed in the world and we are all coming to terms with, and navigating our way through, a 'new norm' however we will do our utmost to support children and families on their return to school in September, and individual schools will communicate the arrangements for this when they are finalised.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable and hopefully sunny summer break

Best wishes,

Richard