



October Updates

Dear Parent/Carer,

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy interviewing and recruiting new leaders across Pathfinder Schools and have some exciting updates to share with you.

Rothwell Schools: Welcome Back Maria Barker

We are thrilled to announce that Maria Barker, former Deputy Headteacher at Rothwell Schools, could not resist the 'Pathfinder Pull' and will return to Rothwell as Executive Head Teacher from January 2023.

We feel sure that you will be as excited as we are for Mrs Barker's return in the New Year. Her existing strong relationships with the school community and thorough understanding of Rothwell Schools make her the perfect Head to lead Rothwell in the next phase of its journey.



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Loatlands Primary School: Thank You to Josie Heald

We are delighted that Josie Heald, current Deputy Headteacher of Loatlands Primary School will move into the role of Interim Headteacher when Laura Buckley steps away after Christmas. Miss Heald is already a well-loved leader at the school and we are certain that she will do a fantastic job as our search for the right permanent Headteacher continues.



New Chief Executive: Emma Sims

We are thrilled to announce that we have been successful in finding a wonderful new CEO: Emma Sims. We are sure you will join us in wishing her the warmest welcome to our family.

A message from Emma:

"I am delighted to be greeting you all as CEO Designate. I am excited by the challenge of working with you all to lead Pathfinder Schools in the next stage of its development. I want to be clear from the start that your values are my values and that the legacy of what has been achieved to date is in safe hands.

I have worked in education for over 20 years and have been fortunate to have experiences of working across every age and stage of education. I hold an

unassailable belief in the power of education to change lives and I passionately believe that the offer made to pupils must go beyond the taught curriculum. Pupils deserve experiences that challenge, enrich and inspire them, whilst nurturing them as young people.

I look forward to working with you and the wider community to ensure that Pathfinder pupils continue to thrive in an environment where values are at the heart of our efforts and where we inspire one another to achieve greatness."



Emma Sims
Chief Executive