



Abbey Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)

External release

Further to my communication in September regarding the retirement of our CEO Carol Kitson at the end of December 2018, I am writing to announce the outcome of the internal recruitment for the posts of Deputy CEO.

Following a rigorous selection process, I am delighted to announce that Catherine Garrett (currently Director of Education) and Helen Pratten (currently Executive Principal – Primary) have been successful and will take up their new Deputy CEO roles with effect from Monday 22nd October.

Both Catherine and Helen will continue with their current roles and will work alongside Carol to ensure a smooth transition over the next couple of months. They will then assume the role of joint Acting CEO from 1st January 2019. This arrangement is intended to be temporary and will remain in place until the Board has concluded its recruitment of a permanent role-holder.

The Board is extremely pleased to have been able to secure such talented continuity from within the Trust and look forward to working with Carol, Catherine and Helen over the coming months.

Paul Whitman

Chair of Abbey MAT Trust Board
