

# Success for All



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Dear Parents/Carers

## NENE VALLEY LEADERSHIP – Letter from Mr. Mansell

It has been quite some time since I wrote to you all directly, due to the changes that occurred last April. At that time the Chair of Governors informed you that my role was being adjusted to 80% CEO of OWN Trust and 20% Executive Headteacher at Nene Valley. This was planned to last for 1 year, pending a review of the situation by Trustees. We are now nearing the end of that year and a review has taken place between Trustees and the Local Governing Body.

In order to manage an effective transition, the current arrangements will continue until the end of August 2022, with Mr. File remaining as Acting Headteacher. It has been agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 my role as CEO will become full-time, leaving a full-time, permanent vacancy.

Therefore, it is with a mixture of both excitement and sadness that I am writing to you. It is exciting that I will be in a position to take OWN Trust onto the next phase of its development, and appreciate the recognition from Trustees for all the work that I have been doing behind the scenes. However, it does mean that I will no longer be Executive Headteacher or Headteacher of Nene Valley, commencing September this year.

I was first appointed as Headteacher in March 2006, and took up post in September of that year – what will be 16 years ago! Although I will not be leaving completely, because of my CEO role within OWN Trust, it will bring to a close an extremely important part of my career. Having established many of the standards and expectations within the school, formed a great team of very supportive staff, managed 3 very successful Ofsted inspections and led the school through its conversion to academy status I have much that I am proud of.



Most of all I am proud of the relationship I have been afforded with many parents, children and families over such a long period (only one parent has been here longer than me!). Nothing is as rewarding as seeing the children grow, develop, gain in confidence, progress and succeed, and during my time at Nene Valley I have had the privilege of seeing almost 800 children pass through the school. I have been here long enough to hear of siblings being born that have then arrived in reception, moved through the school and onto secondary education. In fact, long enough to witness a child return as a parent!

Next week, the recruitment process for a new Headteacher for the school will begin. Mr File has been extremely successful in the role of Acting Headteacher, but it is a requirement when appointing a Headteacher that a full and transparent process takes place. In fact, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr File for his ongoing efforts and the fantastic job he continues to do in the most challenging of times. It is his decision whether he wishes to apply for the role and he has my full support whatever he chooses to do. Trustees are hoping to make an appointment for the position by the end of April and will keep you informed of developments.

Kind regards,

*Stuart Mansell*

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