

FERN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Joining Kingston Educational Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Fern Hill's conversion to academy status at the start of this year, many of you will be aware that we have joined Kingston Educational Trust (KET), alongside The Kingston Academy. Mrs Sophie Cavanagh serves as Executive Director of KET as well as remaining the Headteacher at The Kingston Academy. For further information on KET and what it means to be part of a multi-academy trust, a FAQs document is available <u>here</u>.

While both Fern Hill and The Kingston Academy will maintain their unique identities and core values, being part of this multi-academy trust brings significant advantages to both school communities, expanding the opportunities open to pupils and strengthening the curriculum they access.

Mrs Cavanagh and I have worked together for a number of years and share a deep commitment to make the most of the partnership between our two schools. Fern Hill and The Kingston Academy will be supported by a KET Central Services Team which will oversee matters relating to finance, HR, IT, facilities management, catering and administration for both schools. This will allow our Senior Leadership Teams to focus all their efforts on teaching and learning.

On Thursday 31st March, Mrs Cavanagh and I will be holding an open forum in the Large Hall at both 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm for parents and carers to meet us and learn more about the benefits that membership of KET provides to the Fern Hill community. We will outline how our schools are now governed and introduce a draft strategic partnership plan.

It would be very helpful if you could indicate your attendance at one of the meetings by completing the form linked <u>here</u>. You can also use this form to raise any questions you would like addressed at the meeting, or to provide us with your feedback on our academy conversion and role in a new extended educational community.

I firmly believe that this development is a fantastic opportunity for Fern Hill to gain experience, share learning and grow together with The Kingston Academy under one trust, and I very much look forward to hearing your views.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A. Scott Headteacher

We are passionate about developing the whole child and instilling an enduring love of learning

Inspiration

Collaboration

Empathy

Excellence