

# The Active Learning Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Re: The Active Learning Trust appoints new CEO**

We are delighted to confirm that Stephen Chamberlain has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of The Active Learning Trust. Mr Chamberlain will take over the leadership of the Trust, from our Interim CEO Clive Bush, in Autumn 2019.

Neale-Wade Academy joined The Active Learning Trust, a successful collaborative partnership of 21 secondary, primary and special schools throughout Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, in 2013.

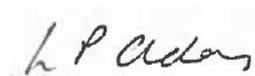
The Trust sadly started recruiting a new permanent CEO after the tragic loss of our highly regarded and well-loved CEO, Gary Peile, due to cancer earlier this year. During this time, Clive Bush, who originally founded the Trust with Mr Peile, and was the founding CEO, was appointed as the interim chief executive.

Mr Chamberlain has extensive experience of leading similarly collaborative multi-academy trusts, and of the local communities where our schools are based. He is currently the CEO of Challenger Multi Academy Trust, a partnership of eight primary and secondary phase schools in Bedfordshire and Essex. He was also Director of Education for the East of England in a large multi academy trust, responsible for the work of fifteen primary, secondary and special academies, as well as holding a position as a National Leader of Governance. Prior to these roles, Mr Chamberlain gained a broad experience of headship in a variety of successful schools and was previously the Executive Principal of the Clacton Coastal Academy as well as undertaking other Executive Principal roles in several academies across the East of England. Clacton Coastal Academy was one of the top fifteen most improved academies nationally in 2010 and in the top three in the Eastern Region.

On a day-to-day basis, there will be no significant noticeable changes for you as parents and carers. However, the Trust provides Neale-Wade Academy and other schools with a significant amount of support, guidance and opportunities for our staff and students.

We look forward to welcoming him into the Trust in the new school year to continue the excellent work of the Trust and our schools.

Yours faithfully



Lesley Adams  
Chair of Trustees  
The Active Learning Trust



Clive Bush  
Interim CEO  
The Active Learning Trust