



# Ormiston Cliff Park Infant and Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academies



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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are well and looking forward as much as we are to Monday when the children will be back in school, learning face to face, and seeing their friends again.

I wanted to write to you today to update you on the position regarding the leadership of Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy and of Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy.

As you know, there is currently a consultation to decide whether the two schools should merge or remain as separate schools. The consultation closes on 26<sup>th</sup> March and we will be sure to update you after then to let you know what the outcome is.

However, whether the decision is to merge or not, we have confirmed Kate Rutherford as Executive Principal across the two schools. This was included in the consultation document but I wanted to write to you personally with the news.

Kate has been a brilliant Principal of Ormiston Herman Academy, also in Great Yarmouth, for many years, leading the school to a Good rating from Ofsted and overseeing the strong early years provision there. Indeed, Herman was shortlisted in the best early years category in the country last year by the respected education publication TES.

I have every confidence that, in continuing her leadership role at Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy and of Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy, Kate will replicate the success she and her team at Ormiston Herman Academy have enjoyed.

Finally, and to return to the start of my letter, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given your child over the last two months with their remote learning. Our staff have worked so hard to ensure that it has been as good as possible, and have also shown great professionalism to make sure the academies will be as safe as they possibly can be when the children return on Monday.

I know they are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children back, and to what feels like the beginning of a return to normal life.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive  
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