



18 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Weare Academy Church of England First School

Leadership Arrangements at Weare Church of England First School Academy

Following on from our correspondence on 14 October 2024, we are delighted to announce the decision to appoint Mr Oliver Laken as the fixed term Headteacher of Weare Academy Church of England First School. Mr Laken will join us in Easter 2025 to cover for Mrs Chelsey Dover whilst she is away on maternity leave. He brings with him drive and dedication which instils faith and confidence in us that he will flourish and succeed with the support of the wider Wessex family, the dedicated staff and you the parents, carers, families and the community.

Mr Laken is a very experienced Executive Headteacher, who has supported multiple schools successfully in his current role, therefore the decision has been made for Mr Laken to also lead a further Wessex school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as valued parents and carers, for your continued support of Weare Academy Church of England First School and the wider Wessex Learning Trust.

We wish you a happy and healthy Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

GAVIN BALL
Chief Executive

LIBBY FIDOCK
Director of Primary & Deputy Chief Executive