

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are probably aware, Kevin Holland is retiring on 31 August. He was very influential in establishing The Priestley Academy Trust and has been the founding Chief Executive Officer for the last five years. The Trust has moved from strength to strength in that time and Kevin has been central to that success. The Trust now has a great reputation locally, across Bradford and in the wider region.

Before taking on the CEO role, Kevin was a very successful headteacher at Green Lane Primary School for over 20 years.

Kevin has always shown outstanding commitment to the children and families of Manningham and to the wider community. His vision for the Trust was to develop a strong collaboration of schools locally and to ensure that children had access to high quality learning both within and beyond schools. In achieving this, he has championed the need to provide the best for children in Manningham and has set up a range of exceptional experiences for children, for example Tall Ships. He has also led support for other schools by sharing the Trust's best practice.

His service to the education community has been exceptional. As well as his leadership of the Priestley Academy Trust and his long service at Green Lane, Kevin has supported Bradford Local Authority as a key member of a number of groups including Bradford Learning Network, Schools Forum, EHC Panel and the Outdoor Learning Board.

We are grateful to Kevin for building an exceptional legacy for our next CEO to develop. Kevin will be much missed by Founder Members, the Trust Board, Local Governing Boards, parents and children. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

**Ros Garside**  
Chair of Trustees

Did you know that The Priestley Academy Trust is responsible for over 2,500 pupils?

## Thank You from Kevin Holland

As many of you will know, I was a headteacher in Manningham for over 20 years before working with the other headteachers to form The Priestley Academy Trust, something of which I am very proud.

After five very satisfying years, I have taken the very difficult decision to retire. As the founding CEO, I have been part of the Trust's development and can look, with pride, at how the team has made it into the successful, child-centred and well thought of Trust it now is.

We have focused on working together as a group of schools to ensure that your children have the access to the best opportunities we can provide and I am sure that this will continue.

Working in Bradford is a privilege and even more so when you are able to create what you know will make a difference for the local community of Manningham. I know this Trust will go from strength to strength and I will continue to enjoy watching its successful journey.

Thank you all for your continued support over the years.

Kevin Holland  
Chief Executive Officer

## New Catering Contract

The Trust will be changing catering suppliers in September 2021 and school meals will be provided by Mellors.

Mellors has many years experience of working within primary schools and is looking forward to providing your children with tasty, healthy and nutritional meals.

The Trust would like to assure parents who wish their children to eat Halal food that this will continue to be served within the school kitchens. The arrangements for monitoring of Halal will remain the same as they have for many years including HMC and Council for Mosques.

Sample menus will be made available nearer the time.



*"To show a child what once delighted you, to find the child's delight added to your own - this is happiness."*

J B Priestley

## Covid-19

As you know Covid-19 continues to be a concern and we therefore ask that you remain cautious. If you or your children are experiencing any symptoms it is really important that you stay indoors and book a test. Tests can be booked online or by calling 119.

Please keep the school informed.

