

23rd January 2019

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Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Principal Appointment

Governors of the RSA Academy, Tipton, are delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Claire Price as Principal of our school from September 2019. This follows the announcement by Ms Hammond of her retirement at the end of this academic year.

Claire is an experienced Headteacher with a very strong track record of improving a number of schools. Her appointment follows a very detailed recruitment process: Twenty-one candidates applied for the post (more than double the national average number for secondary headships). Six excellent candidates underwent a rigorous 2-day selection process, with three people being selected for final interview. This explored in some detail their knowledge and skills, including an in-depth discussion on successes and issues in the candidates' previous posts. Governors are confident that Claire is an excellent fit for the school. She will begin working closely with us in advance of taking up her post officially in September 2019.

We would like to take the opportunity again to thank Ms Hammond, and her team, for the excellent work that has been and continues to be done at the school.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Lewitt
Vice Chair of Governors