



We welcome Alex Smythe as the newly appointed Headteacher for Chellaston Junior School following his successful interview last week.

Alex is an experienced leader having been an Executive Headteacher within the Symphony Multi Academy Trust. He was Headteacher at Newcroft and Thornton Primary School from 2015 – 2018 catering for 370 children and 12 years in total as a Headteacher.

All schools that Alex led became either 'Good' or 'Outstanding' under his leadership.

Huncote Community Primary School – Good - 19th April 2010

Griffydham Primary School – Good - 6th March 2013 (interim Head)

Newcroft Primary Academy – Outstanding - 1st October 2014

Thornton Primary School – Good 17th December 2017

On being appointed Alex was quoted as saying "I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as Headteacher at Chellaston Junior School and to be working with an outstanding group of leaders across the Peak Multi Academy Trust. CJS will be a wonderful place to work as both the staff and students are a credit to everyone involved in the school."

Alex shows a true passion for children's learning and he brings with him an extensive amount of experience in raising standards and achieving great outcomes for young people. He achieved his National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) in 2007 and has a degree in Mathematics and Education Studies from the University of Warwick. His transition will begin after half term and he looks forward to meeting members of the school community in the very near future.

Kevin Gaiderman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Gaiderman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CEO

Peak Multi Academy Trust