

Twynham Learning Parents and Carers
Sent via email

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Interim Chief Executive of Twynham Learning for 2026/27.

Many of you will know from the letter our Chair of Trustees, Michael Turvey, sent last year that I was invited to support Twynham in a part-time capacity as Executive Leadership Consultant during a period of Trust leadership absence.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Twynham Learning so far and am incredibly proud of what our schools and colleagues have achieved. Over the past year, our schools received significant praise from Ofsted across two inspections. We also saw some exceptional outcomes for our children and young people, from the grades achieved at KS4 and KS5 by our oldest students at secondary level to the progress made by our youngest pupils in our primary schools from EYFS through to KS2. Taken together, last year's outcomes were among the strongest in the Trust's history.

However, what gives us the greatest sense of pride is the positive feedback we receive from our families, children and young people about their experiences in our schools.

I am delighted to have taken on the role of Interim Chief Executive of Twynham Learning for the upcoming academic year. While it is important that our Heads and Executive Heads remain the most visible leaders within your school communities, the wider Trust team and I will continue to provide the support, challenge and guidance they need so that we can build on the progress made so far and maintain a positive trajectory.

Alongside school improvement work this year, I will work closely with our Trustees as they begin securing permanent leadership for Twynham. We are fortunate to have the time and space to consider carefully what Twynham Learning needs for the next stage of its development and to ensure that all decisions are made in the best interests of the communities it serves. I will, of course, keep you updated when there is news to share.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet many more of you over the course of the year. In the meantime, I wish all our pupils, families and staff a happy and successful start to the new academic year. I look forward to working with members of the Twynham Learning community as our schools continue to go from strength to strength.

Yours faithfully

A blue ink signature of Nick Watkiss, written in a cursive style.

Nick Watkiss
Interim Chief Executive (Part-time)