



26<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Dear students, parents and carers,

Some of you may know that I commute between school and my family in the North West of England. In recent months, I have reluctantly concluded that the compromise that this arrangement imposes on both school and my family is too great. Regrettably, I have decided to step down as Principal at ARK Kings in January 2014 to take up a position closer to home.

Jerry Collins, who has been Executive Principal of the academy since September, will continue in his role, offering vital leadership and support. An experienced Principal with an excellent track record, Mr Collins is in the school for at least one day a week and is on hand throughout the school week as needed. Our teachers will also continue to be supported by ARK Schools' network of experienced leaders and experts to deliver the best education possible for your child. In the meantime, we are busy recruiting my successor and I hope to share news with you at the beginning of next term.

I want to thank you for the warm welcome you gave me on arrival at ARK Kings and for your commitment to the school. I feel we have already made some significant improvements and while there is still much work to do, I am confident that the staff, with ARK Schools' support, will continue to create a centre of excellence at ARK Kings.

Please do feel free to contact me at any point if you would like to know more or have any questions at all.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Larkin', is positioned below the text 'Yours faithfully'.

Kieran Larkin