

24 March 2023

Dear partner,

We are 'Ambitious and Proud' and thrilled to share our first official letter regarding the launch of our NEW SCHOOL; Nova Primary Academy.

We sent our parents a survey to seek their views about a possible name change for Middleton Primary School. At the same time, we asked our wonderful children and staff for their views. They were very excited about this opportunity to have their voices heard. Parents, pupils, and staff voted overwhelmingly for the school to change to become Nova Primary Academy, and this demonstrated that there was an appetite for change. The results of these surveys were discussed with the Governors and Trustees of the school who were very enthusiastic and gave their approval for the name change and also for a new school logo to be designed to reflect the aspirational vision, complementing our new Cosmic class names and STEM focus. We have also introduced a new school song; 'Sky full of stars' by Coldplay; the whole school sing this and sign using BSL.

We are on a mission to create a school which enables all pupils to believe that anything is possible and that there are no limits to their potential and achievements. The universe is limitless and their time with us is the beginning of their journey into a world of discovery, possibilities, and adventure. The decision to change the school's name and logo is not one that has been taken without careful consideration. We truly believe that the new name and logo will bring with it a positive momentum for change and transformation.

We are excited to let you know that from 17 April 2023, that we will officially become Nova Primary Academy. Nova means 'NEW' and also means 'a sudden burst of energy and light within a star – almost like an explosion'. We have designed a new logo which we are thrilled with, as it encompasses our STEM theme of stars and constellations and our concept of each and every child in school being a bright, shining light. New signage will be put up over the Easter period, which the children can look out for, as the site transforms. The new website domain name will be: www.novaprimarvacademy.co.uk

We are delighted to have been able to secure funding support from various sources, to allow us to purchase new branded items for all pupils across the school. All children from EYFS to Year 5 (including new intake EYFS in September 2023) will be given a new branded navy sweatshirt, white polo shirt and a navy PE shirt on 31 March to take home with them and proudly wear on the first official day of launching as Nova Primary Academy. Year 6 will be given a new gold clip-on tie; to enable them to prepare for secondary education.

On Friday 31 March, there will be a 'Super Nova Star Search' on the school field with Easter treats as treasures for all pupils.

On Tuesday 18 April, we are excited to let you know that we have booked a professional photographer to come in to spend the day at Nova Primary Academy to capture our incredible children working hard, being proud and looking wonderful in their new uniforms. Our staff are so excited to support children with this.

Over the Summer Term, we will be holding Nova Launchpad Events for the school and the wider community. These will involve an Open Evening which will also outline exciting upcoming building transformations which will begin in the summer holidays. I am confident that our spirit of adventure and dedication will result in an exciting and rewarding future for all. It takes a village to raise a child and a galaxy to fulfil dreams.

This is an incredibly exciting time for our school community, we know that everyone will support the changes to enable the school to travel toward new intergalactic opportunities and learning experiences that are out of this world, through our new Ambitions Curriculum. Deciding upon our vision was an important first step with a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths). We want our children to care for the planet out of love and respect and we will provide an environment where childhood is valued, and imagination nurtured.

Our next endeavour is to build our 'Discovery STEM Centre' using innovation, exploration, research, and careers education to deepen the experiences of our pupils. We aim our pupils to have a place in school where they can have opportunities to design, develop, experiment and problem solve through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, to have a special place for them to acquire knowledge beyond their classroom, as their world orbits through their experiences and sends them on a trajectory of discovery and enrichment.

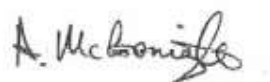
As a community school, we recognise our responsibilities and use our moral compass to make vital decisions to support the lives of our families and have done this by funding new uniform, setting up a wrap-around care provision (breakfast and after school club in 2022), offering a hot bagel to all children every morning and introducing and funding trips and visits to ensure our children flourish. We will continue in this mission.

We acknowledge that Middleton holds a special place in the community, and we will continue to celebrate the history of the school and build on the strong foundations that exist. Nova Primary Academy will inspire curiosity and a real love of learning and have each child's wellbeing at its heart and underpinning all of this with joy. We nurture creative, compassionate, critical thinkers ready to meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities within our changing world and who have a strong sense of purpose and confidence to fulfil their unique potential. We are proud to launch our new school; Nova Primary Academy on 17 April 2023.

Nova staff will strive to ensure that children feel they are an integral part of our Nova Academy family.

We are ambitious for ourselves; we are ambitious for our pupils; we are ambitious for our community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. McGonigle', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Alma McGonigle
Headteacher