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Dear Parents and carers,

As you know Great Academy Ashton is part of Great Academies Education Trust which includes three other schools in the region, Copley Academy, Middleton Technology School and Silver Springs Primary Academy. Each of our academies is individually run by a Head Teacher and Board of Governors. The overall management of the Trust sits with the Chief Executive Officer with oversight from the Board of Trustees. Since 2016 GAET has been fortunate to have been led by Allison Crompton as CEO.

Allison recently informed the board that she will retire from her post at the end of August, so I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our public thanks to Allison for the enormous contribution she has made to the establishment of the Trust. Allison was appointed Head Teacher at Middleton Technology School in 2004, leading that school to be rated as “outstanding” along with her leadership qualities. MTS gained national recognition as a Teaching School with its own Teacher Training unit, which is a rare award showing great confidence in the quality of teaching and learning in that institution. Her leadership skills were further recognised through the award of a CBE in the Queen’s Honours List in 2012.

Allison has always shown the drive and passionate commitment to improving outcomes for all children learning within our schools that is the cornerstone of our aims. We wish Allison a very well deserved and happy retirement. The Trust board has initiated a national recruitment process to select the next CEO for GAET which we expect to complete by mid June, at which time I will write again to let you know who will take up this key leadership role.

Warm regards  
Annette Hall  
Interim Chair  
GAET