



**SILVER BIRCH**  
ACADEMY TRUST

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## *Silver Birch Board appoints full-time interim Chief Executive*

The board of Silver Birch Academy Trust has taken the decision to appoint Tom Canning OBE as interim, full-time chief executive. Tom will start on 30<sup>th</sup> August and is on secondment from the Boleyn Trust, which has seven large primary schools in Newham, where he is Chief Executive. He has 20 years' experience as a school leader and is currently head teacher at Tollgate Primary School, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

With the current CEO on sick leave, the board felt it was very important to appoint a CEO who could work with the schools and the board to manage the Trust on a day-to-day basis. The board is delighted that Tom, with his wealth of school leadership expertise and as an outstanding executive, has accepted a secondment to Silver Birch. His primary role will be to support the head teachers and to provide the leadership and stability that will deliver the best educational environment for the pupils.

We appreciate this is not an easy time for parents/carers and staff, but we are confident that the steps being taken now will build on the schools' strengths and address their weaknesses. This will place them on a much surer footing for the start of next term.

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