

Pamphill joins Wimborne Academy Trust



Rachael Oliver, Head of School at Pamphill First School

Pamphill Church of England First School is the newest member of Wimborne Academy Trust (WAT).

It is a very small village school in a rural setting with around 60 pupils and has been educating children for more than 300 years.

The Trust has 13 schools and provides an outstanding education across nursery, first, middle and upper school phases.

Head of School Rachael Oliver said: "We are fortunate to be situated in a beautiful, rural setting.

"National Trust land is on our doorstep and we use it daily for teaching and for play.

"The school is currently undergoing £65,000's worth of improvements at the historic site.

"Children attend the school from a wide catchment area. Parents choose to send their children here not just for their education but because of small classes and a peaceful and beautiful environment.

"Previously I worked in a London borough and the contrast couldn't be greater.

"I feel lucky to be working here every day and I know our parents feel lucky that their children are here, and they work tirelessly for the parent teacher association, The Friends of Pamphill School."

Trust chief executive officer of WAT, Liz West, said: "Pamphill is now our 13th school and will benefit from being part of a growing trust.

“With seven other first schools we have a great deal of experience in introducing children to the Reception year and developing them ready for middle school.

“Under Rachael’s leadership and the support from the Trust Pamphill has a fantastic future.”