



14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **CEO Communications**

Welcome back, to the start of the new academic year, I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break. I would also like to officially welcome all our new pupils and families that are new to the Trust.

Following the very sad news about Queen Elizabeth II our academies have been undertaking lessons and assemblies to provide them with accurate information around this national event. It has been heart-warming to listen to the maturity of our pupils and their understanding and how they are able to articulate their response to it.

All academies will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September so that we can pay our respects.

### **Academies**

All the children look very smart and I am pleased to say that they have settled into their new classes extremely well. Our academies have worked really hard to provide high quality environments for our pupils promoting high expectations for learning.

Whilst we have come out of a difficult period I am delighted to announce that Year 6 outcomes performance are above national for the Trust and I am seeing very high levels of progress being made throughout our academies.

### **Priorities for Academic Year 2022-2023**

New projects that we have been working with our academies over the next year are:

#### **Reading for Pleasure**

The Trust has contributed £10,000 to each academy to upgrade their reading environments and will implement high quality literature to enhance and develop pupil's knowledge, skills and passion for reading.

#### **Thrive**

The health and wellbeing of our pupils is paramount in our Trust culture and we are continuing to further develop our key principles of social, emotional wellbeing and communication. Thrive will be at the heart of all our academies, raising pupil's self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

#### **Social Justice Project**

Pupils in year 6 are following on from their work last year with Olivia Jones, local activist for Black Lives Matter in Doncaster. Each academy has already chosen a specific social justice theme that they are passionate about. It has been really powerful to see the dedication of



our pupils in their projects and how much it matters to them. An exhibition will be held at the Art Bomb Hub on Hallgate; parents and carers will have the opportunity to view this on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### Subject Development

Our focused subject areas are Computing, Music and Art, this will enhance teacher subject knowledge and practice to innovate the subject further.

### Upgrades within Academies

We have invested £150,000 to upgrade ICT infrastructure in three of our academies, Bentley High Street, Rosedale Primary and Willow Primary; this will align them to the other academies within the Trust

We have also bid for funding from DFE as part of the new scheme on connectivity in schools and we are down to the final stage; if successful all academies will be updated with the most innovative systems, fingers crossed!

### Governors

We are always looking for new governors who have a specific area of expertise (for example finance, HR, Business) to join our Local Governing Boards. If you would like further information or a discussion about the role of a Governor please contact the Trust Office on 01709 805175 or by emailing [admin@exceedlearningpartnership.com](mailto:admin@exceedlearningpartnership.com)

Whilst we have some national challenges such as the rise in energy costs I am excited about the year ahead and the collaborative learning that we have across our academies. In my role I am privileged to visit lessons, talking with pupils and see the fantastic learning that is happening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and the wider community for your continued support; I am immensely proud to be the CEO of our Trust, and I very much look forward to meeting you at our academy events.

Yours sincerely

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CEO & National Leader of Education

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Chair of Directors

