



18th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

The DSAMAT Board would like to announce the appointment of Anna Rogers to become Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of our Trust, from April 2024.

Anna is currently Director of Initial Teacher Training at Chiltern Learning Trust as part of their senior team. She has been part of this Trust for over six years, both overseeing Ofsted 'outstanding' primary and secondary training, growing the number of participating schools and taking on four new training providers. Prior to this, Anna was an education consultant which included delivering training for new Church Heads for the Diocese of St Albans, delivering the new primary curriculum for the DfE in Bedfordshire, and as Headteacher at Cranfield Lower School (now Cranfield Church of England Academy), a voluntary controlled school within the Diocese, moving the school from RI to Good with outstanding features and Outstanding SIAMS. Anna brings extensive experience working with and within schools across our geographic area. We are looking forward to working with Anna to support the growth and stability of our Trust and she is delighted to be working with us.

We look forward to our new chapter and to ensure a smooth transition of leadership we will be starting the introductions to Anna from next term, as time allows.

The Board would like to express our sincere appreciation to Natalie Dalvarez for her leadership from this April as Interim CEO, who will be returning to her substantive post of Deputy CEO from April 2024. With the support of our Chief Education Officer, Gemma Barber, our Chief Operating Officer, Michelle McColl, and from many others in our Trust, Natalie took on the role in extremely challenging times, leading on a number of difficult projects, while continuing to be a passionate advocate for our schools. We will be working with Natalie and the Executive Team to deliver priorities for next term and the remainder of this academic year, while Anna gets to know our Trust.

Finally, I wanted say our thanks to all the children, staff and volunteers in our Trust for their hard work this term, and all the parents and carers supporting beyond the school gates. The Board love hearing about, and celebrating children's progress, and flourishing that is happening in so many ways across all our schools and year groups.

We wish you an enjoyable Christmas, and a peaceful start to the New Year.

With regards,

Jenny Jenkins, Chair, and the full DSAMAT Board.