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Dear TSSMAT communities,

It is with excitement that I write to you to introduce myself prior to joining TSSMAT in September 2021 as the new CEO.



I am so excited to work with schools across our trust to learn everything there is to know about all four amazing schools, so much of which I have been able to find out about on websites and in social media. There seems to be a range of vibrant learning opportunities living out the vision of the trust through the schools' wonderful work.

I thought it may help to share some of my working history. I am currently an Executive Headteacher of two small, rural Church of England Schools and have been working in a trust (JTMAT) for over two years. I have been working as an Executive Headteacher for eight years and before that, I was a teaching Headteacher of a single school for seven years which included the posts of SENDCO, literacy, I.C.T. and RE coordinator. Before securing my headship, I spent two years as a Deputy Headteacher including Primary leading ICT Teacher and literacy, I.C.T. and RE leader with two, six-month periods of Acting Headship. Before that I spent four years as a Senior Leader with a year group team and lead interactive whiteboard teacher and trainer for Staffordshire County Council as well as I.C.T., R.E., P.S.H.E. and Citizenship leader. My first 3 years as a teacher included science leader and I have always worked with children even prior to starting my career where I enjoyed being a summer camp councillor in America, a nursery nurse and a play leader. Who would have thought that my journey would bring me to this point!



Ethical leadership and the mental health and wellbeing of whole school communities are highly important to me. I have a pug called Ralph and he is currently a school dog across the Forest Family. He makes sure that I walk several times a day and this, time to read, complete some artwork, play computer games, bake, enjoy my work, see friends and family, and doing lots of fun things, all enable me to stay fit and healthy.

I hope this letter gives you a flavour of who I am and how enthusiastic I am. I feel very lucky to have secured this role and, whilst I realise that Mr P Lovern is highly respected and loved and I have big shoes to fill, I am sure I will be able to work with you all, shaping TSSAMT for the future for the very best of all the children.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind Regards

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(Executive Headteacher)