

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Dear pupils, parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new term. Even now, after spending most of my life in and around schools, September sparks optimistic hopes of a new beginning. Not only a new school year, but new school shoes, new pencil case, new friends, new exciting opportunities. For me too!

We all look forward to welcoming our families back into school at the beginning of what is likely to be another unusual year. The past two school years have been unprecedented. While I am new to the trust, I have been overwhelmed with the stories of how well our communities have coped and adapted during difficult times. Looking forward, we know there are likely to be some challenges and bumps in the road as we move through this year. However, we hope we can return to school life which is closer to normal.

Over this term I am looking forward to visiting all the schools in the trust, and meeting some of our wonderful children, staff and families. I will be paying particular attention to how the curriculum in each school is designed to help our children become successful learners in all subjects across the curriculum. We know our children need to do well in English and mathematics. But it is also vital that they have well rounded experiences in all subjects. We want the next world class sports person, dancer, scientist, philosopher to come from our family of schools.

We will also be looking at early reading and phonics this year. As you know, it is important that all children have high quality teaching of early reading from a young age. By working together across the trust we will ensure that children get off to a great start with their reading, helping them to succeed and achieve.

I look forward to working with our great leaders in our great schools, where children always come first.

Yours Sincerely



Helen Williams

Chief Executive Officer