

19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I'm writing to share something truly special happening across our Endeavour Learning Trust family this April, and some incredible news to go with it.

From **22nd to 24th April**, we're launching the **Churchtown Playground Relay** — a 47-mile journey connecting all our schools, united by a powerful message of togetherness and hope. This is to support the build of a new playground at Churchtown Primary, creating a lasting tribute to Alice and Bebe, who both attended the school.

This idea was proposed to us by Alice's parents, Sergio and Alex, and the space will serve as a joyful, healing place where children can do what children do best - play, explore and grow.

Thanks to an outpouring of love and support, we've already reached our initial fundraising target of £250,000. Over 9,000 people have donated, from across the country, showing the extraordinary reach of compassion and solidarity for the families of Southport. But we don't want to stop there - any additional funds raised will be distributed to local charities supporting those affected by this tragedy.

Alice's parents, Sergio and Alex, Churchtown Primary headteacher Jinnie Payne and one of Alice's teachers Alan Bowen appeared on BBC Breakfast over the weekend to inspire people to support the project and again on Monday, to personally thank everyone who has donated so far. Their bravery and determination have touched hearts across the country, and we couldn't be more proud to stand with them.

Our Churchtown Playground Relay will start at **Strike Lane Primary School in Freckleton**, travelling school to school across our Trust, before finishing at **Churchtown Primary on 24th April** - the day before Sergio, Mrs Payne, and our Trust Director of Primary Education, Gareth Counce, head down to London to run the marathon.

Children and colleagues from across our schools will take part, running or walking relay legs of up to 3.5 miles in teams. At each school handover stop we'll collect messages of support, unity, and hope from our children, carrying them all the way to Churchtown as a reminder that no school stands alone in our Endeavour family.

When the relay arrives at Churchtown, children from the school will welcome the runners and cheer them on. Representatives from every school will then run the final leg together around Churchtown's field, a powerful symbol of what we can achieve when we stand side by side.



We're planning something really special for the welcome event at Churchtown - think music, a stage, and an unforgettable celebration. In addition, each of our schools are planning their own fundraising events to take place in the build up to the marathon to make sure that every child has the opportunity to be involved.

More details about the relay and other fundraising activities will follow from your child's school soon. In the meantime, if you're able to support or donate, it would mean so much in helping us create this special playground, a lasting symbol of hope, togetherness, and love.

If you'd like to make a donation directly, you can do so [here](#).

With hope and gratitude,



David Clayton  
Chief Executive