

CONNECT SCHOOLS ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finished the third week of term already, and the children have settled in well to their new classes. Over the holidays, a lot has happened across the Trust which I would like to share with you.

The Connect Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) continues to thrive and develop, and we are delighted with the strong results which we saw in all the Trust schools last academic year. We are building on the strategic vision which we have for the MAT, and have now moved the central team, including myself and Wendy Giles, the Executive Head of the Trust, to work together based on the Raglan school site.

Diane Moss, who has chaired the Trust Board and provided invaluable help and support, has decided to step down from her role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her commitment to the Trust schools. We are very fortunate that Scott Pinder has agreed to take on this role, and I look forward to working with him.

A lot has been happening at our Pre-Schools too; Greenwood had an Ofsted inspection last week. We are happy that this went well, and expect the full report to be with us shortly. Building on our Pre-School expertise, our new Pre-School at St George's in Bickley will be opening on Monday 17th September, and we have also welcomed the nursery at Valley Primary into the MAT.

We are still awaiting official approval from the Department for Education for the opening of River Mill, our new primary school on the Northern gateway development in Dartford. We are hoping to receive this approval imminently, and are planning for River Mill to open in September 2019. If you know anyone living in that area who might be interested, do please let them know. Keep up to date with developments at the River Mill website, <http://www.rivermillprimaryschool.co.uk> and we will shortly be launching Facebook and Twitter for the new school.

On a less positive note, we will not be moving forward with the integration of Park Way Primary into the MAT, although our long-term plan remains to expand the MAT with the addition of more schools.

Yours sincerely,

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