

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope the return to school for your child has been a positive one. The staff have worked hard throughout the summer holidays in the lead up to September in order to prepare the school for the full-time return of the children.

There has been a need to ensure that the sites are safe but also that your child still has the opportunity to experience the full curriculum where possible and whilst this has been difficult in some cases, we will continue to review how this can be done moving forward. Having visited each of the schools, it is extremely pleasing to see the attitudes of the children and staff and how they have quickly adapted to the changes.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to update you on changes to the leadership of the Trust and the work that is currently being undertaken in order to support our schools.

On appointment to the Headteacher post at Netherthorpe School in 2016, I was also asked to take on the role of Accounting Officer for the Trust. It has become clear that trying to lead both a large secondary school and also fulfil my role within the Trust has been difficult to balance. Therefore, from September 2020, I have taken on the role of Chief Executive Officer at the Trust on a full-time basis.

In order to support the development of the primary schools in the Trust, Mrs Joanne Mappin has taken on the role of Executive Primary Lead. This means that she will have an overview of the excellent work being carried out in each of our schools with the aim to share the good practice for the benefit for all children within the Trust.

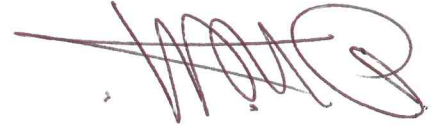
There are a number of areas that we are currently working on including:

- Reviewing the Vision and Values of the Trust
- Introducing the new education strategy that will be delivered throughout the schools
- Developing our communication strategy
- Reviewing our Governance arrangements

I will write to you again in due course to give you an update on these areas, so you are fully aware of the strategies that we will be introducing to make the Trust and all of our schools stronger for the benefit of the children.

The new role I have taken on will give me the opportunity to visit the schools on a more regular basis and I look forward to getting the opportunity to meet with you in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Dave Williams

Chief Executive Officer