



Message from Justine Waight— Chair of Trustees

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a good half term break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. We wanted to write to you in order to keep you updated on changes within the Trust.

New CEO Appointment

Following the decision of our present Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Bob Elsey, to retire at the end of this academic year, we have met with and interviewed prospective candidates.

We are very pleased to confirm that Stuart Matthews, Edgbarrow Headteacher and Trust Director of Education, was appointed by the Board of Trustees to be our next CEO with effect from 1st September 2024. This appointment will be part-time (0.5 FTE) which is a slight increase on his current Director of Education role. This will allow Stuart to continue as Headteacher of Edgbarrow School, supported by his experienced Senior Leadership Team.

Stuart is an outstanding leader who has been involved with the creation and development of Corvus Learning Trust from the very beginning. His knowledge, experience and ability to work with and inspire colleagues will be of huge benefit to us all.

We are delighted with this appointment and look forward to the next stage in the Trust's development.

The Bulmershe School

We've finally got there! The Bulmershe School officially joined Corvus on 1st February 2024. We are delighted to make this announcement as it has taken much longer than we all hoped. We have already been working closely with the school to enable a smooth transition and they have been part of our

team for some time now. Bulmershe has a great reputation in their local community and we look forward to working more closely together in the future.

The benefit of another secondary school joining is that it allows us to further share good practice and offer a wider support network to all our schools and children.

Kennel Lane School

Hot off the press is the news that Kennel Lane School will join us on 1st March 2024. This has been a very smooth process and we are equally delighted to welcome Kennel Lane to the Trust. As part of the transition process, we have been working very closely with Kennel Lane and colleagues from our schools have already benefitted from frequent visits and working together.

Kennel Lane brings a wealth of experience of working with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. They are very open to sharing their knowledge and expertise, whilst our existing schools will offer the opportunity for curriculum development and some integrated work to benefit all learners.

The Trust now has 7 schools, approximately 4,850 pupils and over 750 members of staff, which is line with our strategy for steady and manageable growth. As we have grown, we are especially pleased to highlight that every school within the Trust has maintained their own character and identity and participates in the vision, values and setting the future direction of the Trust.

We look forward to developing our partnerships across the Trust and to meet our vision of "delivering an exceptional education to all our young people".

Kind regards,

Justine Waight

Chair of Trustees

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