

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers of all Oak Trees MAT Schools,

As we break up for half term, I thought it would be a good opportunity to write to you with a few updates on the Trust and offer my thanks for your support since we returned in September.

During the half-term, there have been a small number of positive cases of Coronavirus in our schools which have been dealt with extremely well by our school leaders. Parents have been incredibly understanding when these positive cases have occurred, and it is appreciated by everyone at the Trust. With the pandemic continuing to worsen, it is likely that there will be more issues over the next few months and I would appreciate your continued patience and support. It has been reassuring to see the vast majority of parents wearing masks when coming to school to drop off and pick up their children, and again this is much appreciated.

On another note, we remain hopeful that Brackenwood Junior School will be joining the Trust in the new year. The conversion process is ongoing, with much work still to be done, and I am hopeful that, if the Brackenwood Governors do agree that the school should join us, this will be an exciting time for everyone across the schools. We are delivering numerous services to our schools now, including school improvement, professional development and financial support, and a further school joining us would be testament to the good work going on as the reputation and success of the Trust grows.

Finally, thank you for your feedback from the recent survey on how the schools have dealt with the pandemic. Your views were generally positive and will be useful for us moving forward, and we will look at improvements we can make based on your feedback. We are constantly striving to improve what we do and how we can gather your opinions on schools and the Trust so that we can keep you better informed. Whilst the Covid-19 crisis has created additional challenges for us, we are determined to look at how we can best gain your feedback and I will let you write to you again next half-term.

Thank you again for all your support and I hope that you have a safe and enjoyable half-term break.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer

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