

26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

**Future Arrangements for Chellaston Junior School, Chellaston Infants School and Homefields Primary School**

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Education has agreed to our proposal to transfer Chellaston Junior School, Chellaston Infants School and Homefields Primary School to East Midlands Education Trust (EMET). This proposal has the unanimous support of Staff, Governors and Trustees.

East Midland Education Trust is a high performing Multi-Academy Trust founded by the West Bridgeford school in Nottingham and an excellent match for our primaries, offering superb opportunities to work closely with other good and outstanding schools.

Children are at the heart of all our work and EMET provides the structure, ethos, shared vision and the depth of expertise that will enable us to offer them the very best opportunities to enhance their personal development in school and beyond.

Trustees are confident that the transfer will progress quickly and smoothly. Whereas we will be working hard in the background to progress the legal and transfer tasks, there should be no disruption to learning and it will be business as usual in the classroom.

I know that many of you have children attending both primary and secondary phases in our Trust and you may question why the Trust is splitting the academies. As you will be aware the Regional Schools Commissioner issued a Termination Warning Notice for the Academy in August 2020, indicating her intention to rebroker it to another Trust. This decision was outside of our control and QEGSMAT has been identified as the sponsor Trust for Chellaston Academy.

On the back of the RSC's decision Trustees considered very carefully the future arrangements for Chellaston Junior School, Chellaston Infants School and Homefields Primary School and in consultation with the three schools Trustees concluded that EMET would be best placed to provide for the future needs of our three schools and that this outweighed all other factors including keeping the four academies together.

We are very confident that our four schools will continue to work very closely together and with the support of our local community the strong relationships that have built up over many years will be maintained.

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I will keep you updated throughout the process and if you have any questions please raise them in the first instance through your Headteacher. Further information about EMET is available from their website <https://www.emet.academy>

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our schools and PEAK MAT and I look forward with optimism to securing the bright future our children and young people deserve as part of East Midlands Education Trust.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Witheford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Ann" on top and "Witheford" below it.

Ann Witheford  
Chair of Trustees  
**PEAK MAT**

*"Life is a journey and nobody's path is certain in this rapidly changing world. Together we are stronger. We will guide and inspire you along the way. When you let go of our hand, you and I will know that you will choose the path that is best for you."*