



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am excited to share some updates with you about changes to our schools' leadership. As a family of schools, we have enormous wealth in our leadership and now is the time to build on that strength to ensure we provide the best environment for our pupils, staff and schools to grow.

We are at an exciting time in the development of our Trust of schools. Whilst we are rightly proud of all that has been achieved historically, we are ambitious to continue to improve the quality of education that our children receive and deepen and broaden our connection and service to our communities.

It is important to emphasise that with the changes we are announcing, all schools will benefit. We are building a broader model of leadership for our Trust, creating capacity where it is needed, sharing our skills and expertise, and strengthening our structures to help everyone achieve their best to support our Trust aims.

For Boasley Cross Primary School, we are delighted to announce that from the start of the summer term (19th April 2021) Mrs Cook will take up the post of Principal as well as continuing her Principal role at Northlew C of E Primary. Mrs Deirdre Petersen will be moving to Highampton and Exbourne Primary Schools as Principal. In addition, to underscore the importance of our schools' leadership in our communities, all our Heads of Schools and Headteachers will be called Principals moving forward.

For Mrs Cook to oversee her Principal roles in both Northlew C of E Primary and Boasley Cross Primary, Mr Richard Thomas has been appointed the class teacher for class 1 children at Northlew for the summer term. Mrs Cook and Mr Thomas have been and will continue to work closely together to enable a smooth transition for all our children in class 1.

Our Executive Principals in both our primary and secondary phases will now be enabled to support *all* schools across our Trust within our Primary and Secondary Leadership Boards, providing strategic direction and support to ensure we can achieve our aims.

Our school leaders have been working together to ensure a smooth transition as they 'pass the baton' safely onwards. During the coming weeks, you will see many of our school leaders around and about at school. Please do talk to them and say hello!

We know many of you will have questions and we would like to invite you to a virtual **Parents' Meeting on Thursday 25th March at 6pm**. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office on 01409 221420 or email admin@northlew.devon.sch.uk with any questions prior to the meeting. We will also be sharing more information on our website, so please do visit to find out more.

With firm foundations of trust, respect, and cooperation, these changes will enable us to stride forward, to ensure that all can thrive and succeed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dan Morrow
Trust Leader and CEO

