

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to be able to share some good news with you today.

Over the past few weeks Trustees and Governors have been considering the senior team arrangements at the Trust and at Church Stretton School. As you know, your school has been doing very well and has been very securely led day to day by Dr Wood (Head of School). John Parr has had a split role, as Executive Headteacher of Church Stretton School, and also in a separate role contributing to Trust central work across all of our schools.

Over the past few months we have noticed that their roles have developed somewhat, as Mr Parr's role for the Trust has grown, and as Dr Wood has in his turn then picked up full day-to-day leadership at Church Stretton.

In recognition of this, Trustees and Governors have been through an appropriate process to review and amend their roles. The outcomes of this are twofold:

- Dr Wood's post will now be that of Headteacher rather than Head of School.
- Mr Parr will now be working full time for the Trust Central Team, as our Deputy Director of Education (Standards). His role includes oversight of attendance, pupils' achievements, and aspects of school improvement across all our nine schools.

This means that Dr Wood will now be 'taking the reins' from now on, at Church Stretton School, as the substantive Headteacher. We are interested to see how the school will develop further under Dr Wood's Headship, and we are excited to see how the school will continue to grow.

Despite these changes, Mr Parr will remain very much in contact with Church Stretton School. All of our schools have a Trust Executive link, who checks things in their link schools and supports their Headteacher in their role. Mr Parr will remain Church Stretton School's Link Trust Executive, and in this role, he will continue to be in touch with the school regularly, and indeed his main office will continue to be there.

We know that the school and Trust will both benefit from these changes, and we congratulate them both in their new roles.

Kind regards



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Chair of Trust Board