



OWLS Academy Trust update.

It is hard to believe that our Multi Academy has completed its fifth year, the staff have worked exceptionally hard to make improvement across the partnership and continue to do so.

So what has been achieved? Our trustees and governors continue to support the organisation and running of the five schools; we are currently exploring the possibility of working in partnership with other schools. Our governors actively meet every term and are regular visitors to our schools. Phil Clarke is the chair of governors at Langmoor and Glenmere, Alison Goodman is our Chair of Governors at Fernvale, Rae Cresswell is our Chair of Governors at Hinckley Parks and Jonathan Tedds is the Chair of governors at Little Hill and the OWLS academy Trust. Trust reviews have taken place at each of our academies in an effort to further improve our schools.

The CEO (Chief Education Officer) Peter Merry continues to drive standards across the Trust and supports and spends time at each of our schools, throughout the year. The senior leadership team across the Trust continue to meet regularly and we have head teachers at each of our schools who deal with the day to day running. We also work collaboratively within our development groups and local Teaching School, sharing expertise and offer support, guidance and advise to other schools. We are currently looking at staffing structures and the expansion of our MAT – (Multi Academy Trust) and will update you as soon as we have any new developments.

We currently work collaboratively on Financial, Data Protection, GDPR and HR issues using our business managers Mrs Biddles (Chief Finance Officer) Mrs McLaren (DPO - Data Protection Officer) and Mrs Puffett. Savings across the academy have been made and are continually being explored. Savings such as subscriptions to Governor Development services, Human Resources, Salaries and purchasing of equipment. Our schools have received building and extensive work to the school buildings and grounds, from new mobile buildings, equipment and new furniture. More improvements are planned for the future and we are hopeful of securing further funding from the ESFA - Education Standards and Funding Agency to improve our buildings further. Funding has been directed into School Sports, Pupil Premium and we have been successful with recent bids.

We continue with our Teaching School status and are strategic partners within this initiative in the Oadby Learning Teaching Schools Alliance and this has brought additional funding into our schools. We continue to support other schools as a National support school and Multi Academy Trust.

The staff have worked collaboratively benefitting from each other's skills and expertise, planning and moderating work, moving standards even higher across our schools. The staff have planned for next year ahead and are working together as coordinators sharing ideas and resources for the future alongside our governors. The Year 6 age group is now in all of our schools across the Trust as we moved away from the old 10+ model. School trips have been organised and performances have been shared as with the cost for these activities. This is an area we are continually exploring further. Our schools councils are working together on projects and initiatives for the future.

Training and inset days have been organised for staff and governors and ran jointly including child protection training, epi-pen training, strategic planning, safeguarding, GDPR, Ofsted and first aid. Parent mail/school comms and text messages are available to all of our parents across the academy and newsletters are sent out and uploaded onto our school websites updating everybody about school life and events. This is an area the Trust are looking to develop further over the coming months.

The governors, trustees and members agree that the academy is continually developing and evolving and we are all working hard to deliver the best opportunities possible for all of our pupils, parents and staff. We will shortly be seeking to appoint Trustees to our Trust and for more information about this and an application pack/form please visit your schools website or speak to the head teacher at your school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

CEO OWLS Academy Trust



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