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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope that you have all managed to enjoy a relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday after what was a very unusual end to the last academic year.

I am delighted to be writing to you in my role as the Trust's new Chief Executive Officer. As some of you will know, I am not new to the Trust. Having trained as a primary teacher and worked in mainstream schools in Bath, the Midlands and Australia, I settled in Bath around 16 years ago and began teaching at Fosse Way School. Since that time, I have worked in a number of different capacities within the Trust, most recently as Executive Head of Fosse Way and The Mendip School alongside being a Leadership Partner with some of our mainstream schools.

The Trust is built on principles of partnership, collaboration, equality, trust and respect, with, at its core, a commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for young people. I am committed to upholding these values as the Trust moves into a new era.

As a school leader within the Trust, I was able to personally see and hear of the hard work and dedication of staff during the difficult terms at the end of the last academic year. It is that dedication, skill and teamwork that enabled the Trust to provide continuing education as well support which extended not just to pupils but also to their families, colleagues and the wider community.

As we welcome pupils back into schools across the Trust, it has been truly wonderful to see the buildings come to life and hear of staff's excitement at the prospect of having their classrooms full again. There is no doubt that this academic year will bring some new challenges, and perhaps some more uncharted territory, however I have a huge sense of pride in working with colleagues that are prepared to go the extra mile, that are willing to share and learn and who aspire to support young people to achieve their very best.

The relationships that our schools and staff have with parents are extremely important to all schools within the Trust, we know that working in partnership supports children and value the many positive contributions that parents and the wider community make to school life. I look forward to being able to share and celebrate achievements with you as the year progresses and in the meantime wish you and your children a positive start to the new academic year.

With kind regards,



Emily Massey
Chief Executive Officer

