

18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The festive season has arrived, and I have enjoyed visiting as many schools as I can to watch the children perform in their nativity plays. Thank you for your support whether that has been attending in person to watch or helping with rehearsals at home. I am sure you are looking forward to spending some quality time together over the Christmas period.

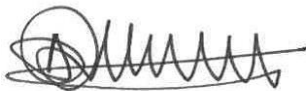
We have had a busy but successful start to the academic year as we welcomed two new special schools to the Trust, Warren School in Lowestoft and Riverwalk School in Bury St Edmunds, both of which have diversified our Trust and enabled a stronger skill set within our team which is being felt throughout our primary schools enabling us to support your child with any challenges they may face.

I am grateful for the collective efforts of all members of our Trust community: our school leaders, teachers, TAs, school, office and central staff continue to work tirelessly to embed new systems and practices that will improve the efficiencies of our schools. The central team will be moving their office to Helmingham School House when we return in January and the building works will start on the first of our two specialist resource bases.

New Year allows for a time of reflection and planning and we continue to extend the invite to parents/carers to get involved with the Locality Committee within your school, please touch base with your Academy Head in the new year if this is something you would like to pursue.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne  
CEO & Principal