



The de Ferrers Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is my pleasure and privilege to write to you as the recently appointed Chief Executive Officer of The de Ferrers Trust.

As my first full term overseeing the Trust begins, I write to you with the exciting news that we have another school joining the de Ferrers family of schools – Richard Wakefield Church of England Primary Academy.

Richard Wakefield Primary is a lovely school based in Tutbury. Children who left the school to begin their secondary education this month performed well in their end of year tests. Much credit goes to them and all the staff who have worked with them. I have really enjoyed my visits to the school so far and they are a most welcome addition to the Trust. In fact, I have really enjoyed visiting and working with all of the schools.

This now means that there are seven schools in the Trust, educating approximately 5000 children and employing 600 members of staff. The other schools, ordered by the number of pupils there, are:

The de Ferrers Academy, Burton-on-Trent (11-18)
The Pingle Academy, Swadlincote (11-18)
Granville Academy, Woodville (11-16)
Lansdowne Infant Academy, Burton-on-Trent (3-7)
Horningslow Primary Academy, Burton-on-Trent (3-11)
Eton Park Junior Academy, Burton-on-Trent (7-11)

The main educational advantage for schools of being in a Trust is that it should make learning from and supporting each other much easier. I am determined that this will happen and I, central Trust staff, the Principals and their members of staff are already making improvements in this regard.

I am looking forward to an exciting academic year very much. Every member of staff will be working towards the fulfilment of our new vision statement: ***'To ensure that all the children and young people in our care have the opportunity to fulfil their potential through achieving highly, regardless of their ability or background.'***

Should you wish to get in touch with me or anyone from the Trust, please feel free to email me at: MAT@deferrerstrust.com.

Yours

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