

Wednesday 12th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to open my letter by wishing you all a happy New Year – and welcoming you to Kingfisher Learning Trust. To introduce myself – I am the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Trust and have worked in education for 36 years. 17 of those years have been in Oldham and I and have been Headteacher of Kingfisher Special School from January 2005 to August 2021. With Kingfisher forming a Multi-Academy Trust, my role is now leading the Trust as CEO. The reason we set up the Trust is to provide a high-quality education for a larger number of children and to this end, the Trust is planning to grow in three ways:

- with mainstream Primary Schools, reaching out to enhance practice and inclusive provision
- establishing new innovative Free Schools
- welcoming Special Schools from beyond Oldham to further develop and enrich specialist provision.

Kingfisher Learning Trust is passionate about raising standards and achievements for all and as such, we want to work in partnership with like-minded schools with a similar culture, within Oldham and across neighbouring Local Authorities. We are therefore delighted that Littlemoor has decided to join us and are very excited about the opportunities that this new partnership brings. We very much look forward to getting to know you and setting up ways of working collaboratively with you. Schools within Kingfisher Learning Trust need to be within a coherent geographical cluster, with a shared sense of community, ethos and values to ensure they can work together effectively and are all well supported.

Our other Trust schools are:

- Kingfisher Special School, a school for primary aged children with complex and severe learning needs
- Medlock Valley Primary School, a mainstream primary school in Oldham that joined us in September 2019
- Halcyon Way – a newly built free school for primary aged children with less severe to moderate learning needs and opened January 2022.

The **Trust's Intent** is founded on respect for everyone within the Trust family by encouraging and celebrating diversity. With a creative and flexible approach based on high aspirations, there is a commitment to providing opportunities for learning in a safe, supportive environment. The Trust is ambitious for every learner to grow as an individual and develop knowledge and skills to contribute to society. Research and reflective practice ensures an ever-evolving innovative provision across each school that gives everyone a voice and an opportunity to celebrate success.

Excellence is at the heart of all of Kingfisher's work, and the **Trust's Vision is for 'Endless Possibilities'**, working creatively to find the best possible approaches in all aspects of its provision. This is to ensure that every child and young person within Kingfisher Learning Trust receives an aspirational, engaging and appropriate curriculum offer, developed to ensure an experience which both challenges and excites, motivates and engages and celebrates individuality and personal achievement. The underpinning **Values of the Trust** are: **Aspiration, Integrity and Respect**, encouraging everyone to pursue the best, be the best and think the best.

This year will bring both opportunities and challenges – but as we move forward as one Trust, we can be sure that we will be able to work together and support each other to ensure the best possible provision for the children we serve.

Yours sincerely,

