

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are keeping well. I would firstly like to thank you all for your dedication in working closely with us in recent weeks and months to help ensure children could fully return to school as safely as possible. I am hugely grateful to all of you for your support and we are so happy to have them back in our classrooms.

Your child's school is a part of our wonderful organisation, Central RSA Academies Trust. As a Trust, we work closely with our schools to enable collaboration, ensuring they are able to work closely together and learn from each other all to benefit the children's whole education experience. In addition to learning from each other, we work hard to deliver training opportunities for every member of staff, helping to ensure high quality teaching and support throughout the schools. We work closely as a team with specialists from across the Trust to continually develop a strong and engaging curriculum that ensures our schools are powerful learning communities.

We also support our schools with everything from finance to HR to building maintenance, governance, IT and more, freeing up principals' time to focus on teaching and learning to continue improving outcomes for the children.

We are very proud of everything we have achieved together as a Trust and we are always looking for new ways to make our schools even better. As such, we are very pleased to now have the opportunity to move the Trust forward in a whole new way.

As you may know, our Trust was originally founded by the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) Academies, in 2012. As our sponsor, the RSA has served to provide governance to the Trust and inspire our vision for education. Our Trust has gone from strength to strength since our founding, and we are proudly in a position to move forward as a Department for Education Approved Sponsor in our own right, whilst retaining a strong partnership with the RSA.

Our strong teams have developed and evolved far beyond what the RSA first imagined, and we are now providing ever stronger support to our schools. While we remain a sponsor in our own right, we will continue to develop in line with the vision, values and ethos we were founded upon. This means that your child's day-to-day experience and the excellent curriculum they learn through, will not change. We will also continue to work closely with other schools with a similar outlook, and many of our trustees and governors will continue to be fellows of the RSA.

The main change you will likely notice will be to our name. As the RSA will no longer be our sponsor, we have chosen a new name for our Trust: "Central Region Schools Trust, founded by the RSA", reflecting the importance of our rich heritage as well as the geographical home of our schools and communities. In addition to our new name, we are delighted to share that we will also be renaming our initial teacher training provision as TeachCentral, and further developing that organisation to be a top provider of teacher training in the region in order to ensure we have the very best teachers in our classrooms. We will officially be using these names from 1st September 2021.

We believe that this change to the structure of our Trust marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for us all, and our vision for social justice through exceptional schools will continue.

In the meantime, thank you so much for continuing support for your child's school and our wider Trust, and I do hope you continue to keep safe and healthy. If you have any questions, please do contact us by email at info@centralrsaacademies.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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