



Dear Parents,

You may be aware that we formed a multi academy trust early in January 2021 to create a learning community to continue raising standards of education and opportunity for children within our own schools and the wider area. Despite the challenge of Covid-19 the Severn Federation Academy Trust (SFAT) has had a very successful first 10 months with Aylburton C of E, Lydney C of E and Bream C of E primary schools working closely together.

A number of other primary schools have expressed their interest to become part of our trust and I am pleased to share that Severnbanks Primary and English Bicknor C of E Primary schools will be joining SFAT early in 2022.

With the growth of our trust, the Trustees are keen to ensure that all our schools have their own head teachers and there is sufficient leadership capacity for a growing trust. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Emma Isaac has been appointed as Academy Head of Aylburton C of E Primary with immediate effect. Mrs Isaac is well known to the families at Aylburton and has great ambition for the school.

The headship of Lydney C of E Primary school has been advertised and we plan to recruit an excellent person to take up this post early in 2022. Until that time Mrs Dare will continue as Head at Lydney before the increased capacity allows her to take up her role as Chief Executive Officer full time to ensure the very best for all schools in our trust. Both Mrs Dare and Mr Phillips (Deputy CEO) will remain visible and contactable for all parents and families. Mrs Nicky Brice continues as the Academy Head of Bream C of E Primary School.

There are opportunities for parents and family members to become involved in the local governance of each school. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can support your child's school, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Louisa Davies,

Chair of Trustees.