



Pickwick Papers – Edition 10 – Term 6 – July 2022

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

It has been another busy and exciting term in all our schools. It has been so wonderful to see the many extra-curricular activities, clubs, trips, shows, events and residential visits, that make our schools the wonderful places that they are, back in place, after covid had stopped play for so long. Thank you to the staff and pupils at Aloeric and Queen's Crescent for letting me join their trips to Braeside – the children loved the outdoor learning experiences and challenging themselves.



I would like to say a huge well done to all the staff and children across our schools for settling back into our normal post-pandemic school routines and applying themselves so well in their learning. Have a lovely summer and well-deserved break.

Review of the year 2021-2022

As a Trust, we are always striving to improve and looking at what more we can do to support schools, but we wanted to take a moment to share some of our successes from 2021-22:

- Successfully transitioned Winterslow, Greentrees and Pitton into the Trust and established a South Hub of schools
- Developed a new 5-Year Trust Development Strategy
- In line with our employer of choice aim and following Trust-wide staff surveys, we have launched a new People Strategy
- Embedded a range of new curriculum approaches
- Ivy Lane & Aloeric achieved strongly Good Ofsted outcomes
- Strong clusters of subject leaders in place across the Trust
- Opened a nursery at Ivy Lane School

Governor vacancies

Can you help us? Would you like to make a positive difference to our children's education?

Several of our schools have vacancies on their Local Governance Committees (LGCs).

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to children's education, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

To see if there are vacancies at your child's school please contact the school office.

Clerk to Governors

We are recruiting for a Clerk to Governors at Aloeric Primary. Please email / ask at the school office for more information.

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The Government's 'White Paper'

You may have heard that the Government recently published a 'White Paper' and that a Schools Bill is going through Parliament at the moment. The [White Paper](#) sets out the Government's aims for education over the coming years, and sets the expectation that 90% of children will achieve in line with national expectations by 2030. It pledges funding to support the training and development of new teachers and reaffirms the message that all schools should be in a strong Multi-Academy Trust by 2030.

We're obviously slightly biased, but we believe that collaborating together within a strong family of schools brings huge benefits to the children, families and staff across our all schools.

As a Trust, we have set out a strategic growth plan which ensures the support for our existing schools is maintained, as well as carefully building capacity to welcome new schools to our family.

We are interested in working with other primary schools which are geographically proximate to our existing schools and hubs. We are an inclusive Trust and welcome church and non-church schools, of all sizes and stages of their development journeys.

Growth enables us to offer a wider range of services and support for pupils and staff, expand our network of strong schools and people, and increase our opportunities for efficiencies of scale.

Gillingham Primary – joining in the Autumn

In the last edition, we shared that we have been talking to staff, parents and governors at Gillingham Primary School, to explore the school joining Pickwick. The Regional Schools Commissioner has approved the application, which means we have begun our formal due diligence and community consultation processes. We hope that Gillingham joins the Pickwick family in the late Autumn.

Parent Webinars

[Resilience for Learning and Well-being](#)

[Helping your child with anxiety](#)

[Digital Parenting](#)

Thank you and best wishes

After serving as Finance Director for the Trust since its inception in 2017, and at Corsham Primary School before that, Keith Hillman will be retiring at the end of this term.

Louise Keohane, our fantastic HR Officer, will also be moving on at the end of this term. Louise has also been with us since before the Trust was formed, and has played a crucial role in our development.

Thank you so much to you both – you will be greatly missed.

The Finance Director duties will be taken on by our Business Director, Emma Oldale, and we have recruited a new Head of Finance - Victoria Ladd, formerly Finance Manager at Corsham, to support leadership of finance across the Trust.



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