



A community of schools in which our children come first

A message from the Chief Executive

The Trust was formed in July 2017. There are currently three schools within our Trust: East Ward Primary School, Higher Lane Primary School and Sunny Bank Primary School.

The Trust Strategic Development Plan sets out how we will grow, develop, support and improve our schools with a clear focus on raising standards, encouraging innovation and strengthening the ethos of the Trust to ensure that we have a positive impact on all the young people within the Trust. Vision MAT is supported by a strong Trust Board who provide effective support and the challenge required to ensure that

we build on our track record of excellence to provide strategic partnerships to improve quality, share best practice, operate effectively and efficiently so that all our pupils benefit from enhanced resources created by effective economies of scale.

Carol McLachlan
Chief Executive Officer

Our **Academies**

PRIMARY ACADEMIES

- ◆ Higher Lane Primary School
- ◆ Sunny Bank Primary School
- ◆ East Ward Primary School

Visions and Values

The vision for our Trust is a community of schools in which our pupils come first; we are proud of each and every one of them and want them to **thrive, flourish** and **achieve** their full potential within a supportive and caring environment. The schools in our trust have come together to **recruit, retain** and **develop** the highest quality staff in order to deliver the best educational outcomes – and be the employer of choice. Values for our Trust All children will be **challenged, happy, proud** and **successful** learners.

A message from the Chair

Vision Multi Academy Trust aims for all of its school to be excellent. This means the best possible outcomes for all pupils; innovative, enthusiastic, well trained staff that provide high quality teaching, learning and assessment experiences every day, and pupils that leave school well-prepared for the next step of their education. Vision Multi Academy Trust aims to contribute positively to the self-improving school-led system in education. We are committed to adding real value to the community, helping it become even more effective in order to achieve the very best for all pupils. We believe in true collaboration; working in partnership, investing in people and building capacity for long term, sustainable success.

Councillor David Jones, Chair of the Board





Trustees and Members

In October the Members and Trustees of Vision Multi Academy Trust had their first board meeting of the new school year last week. Two new members were welcomed to the Board, Ralph Kelly who has a background in IT and Barry Minnery who has a background in Accounting and Finance.

The meeting was preceded by a tour of Sunny Bank Primary School which gave the Members and Trustees the opportunity to look at the learning environment of the school. They were all impressed with the quality of displays to support learning throughout the school.

The Members and Trustees established two sub committee meetings which will look at the following: Standards and Human Resources, Finance, Audit, Resources and Risk. The committees will be meeting prior to the next full Trustee meeting which will take place in the spring term.

Vision Website

Watch out for our new Vision website which is due to be launched in the New Year.

<https://vision-mat.schudio.com/>

There will of course still be the individual academy websites too.



Joint Working across the 3 schools

Through out the year staff will come together to share good practice and plan future curriculum activities across the Trust.

The first session was held at East Ward Primary School with the different year group teams getting together to plan for British Values Week later that term (13th-19th November). The week was an amalgamation of Parliament Week, Inter-Faith Week and Anti-Bullying Week. There were some interesting ideas and activities developed and staff were looking forward to sharing them with the children.

Academies Show

The Academies Show took place in Birmingham on 21st November 2018 at the National Exhibition Centre. Each of the Headteachers from Vision Multi Academy Trust, along with the Business Development Manager and the Chair of Trust set off to Birmingham on the early morning train to the conference. The focus of the conference was leadership in a self improving system. There were school leaders at the conference from all over the country who came together to celebrate, find inspiration and discuss the future of education as well as the role they play in enabling all educators and learners to thrive.



Trip to Buckingham Palace

On Monday 16th October, David Waites, Headteacher at East Ward Primary School part of Vision Multi Academy Trust was invited to take part in an Education Forum at Buckingham Palace. The invite was from the Duke of York in his role as Executive Chairman of The Outward Bound Trust. East Ward Community Primary School has used the Outward Bound Trust to help deliver their outdoor curriculum and to ensure that children are given the opportunity to have extraordinary experiences. Their most recent trip was in the Lake District where a group of 24 children explored the area

around Lake Ullswater. The children were led on expeditions on and off the Lake that included gorge walking, orienteering and sailing. Whilst within the Palace, David met many other Headteachers who share a similar vision of putting outdoor learning at the heart of the curriculum. It was an amazing experience that took place within the Ballroom of the Palace- an extraordinary setting for a very informative and enlightening meeting.

David Waites.