



18th December, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

December 2023 ONE Trust Update

I am writing to update you all that, following final Governing Body approval from each of the 8 schools: Knop Law Primary, Newburn Manor Primary, Milecastle Primary, Simonside Primary, Throckley Primary, Waverley Primary, West Denton Primary and Westerhope Primary will be proceeding to form a new multi-academy trust, ONE (Owl North East) Trust from 1st January 2024.

ONE Common Purpose

Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs) bring together schools under a single entity - in this case the ONE Trust - to help build a collective educational offering, to make efficient and effective use of experience and resources, and to maximise opportunities for pupils, parents, teachers and the local community. Our ONE Trust motto demonstrates our commitment to this collective purpose:

'ONE Trust, One Vision, Ambition for All'

ONE Trust Vision

'To build a shared learning community in which children, young people, staff and parents discover their talents, realise their potential, and develop a passion for learning that endures throughout their lives.'

The conversion process has been a really exciting and challenging time. Staying true to our vision is something that all of our schools and their governing bodies are invested in. Collaboration is key here, and we want to make sure that we take and use all of the fantastic elements of each school and bring them together, share best practice, and get the most for the existing and future pupils.

ONE Trust Governance and Local Governing Bodies

There has been a tremendous amount of work and effort put into the set-up and development of our ONE Trust model of governance. We have created a ONE Trust Calendar which details the yearly governance planner, network and pupil events. Each school has a Local Governing Body (LGB) which acts as a committee of the ONE Trust Board. The role of the LGB within a multi-academy trust is one in providing focussed local governance as well as aiding and advising the Board of Trustees in the fulfilment of their duties.

ONE Trust Launch

We are very excited about returning after the Christmas holiday on 9th January as part of the ONE Trust family of schools. We hope that this day marks the beginning of our new journey as 'ONE'.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can and will achieve more, advancing the education of all of our pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Julie Stuart

Chief Executive Officer