



Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting year for the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership (MNSP) group of schools. We have seen Clutton Primary School maintain its 'good' OFSTED judgement, submitted planning for the new Norton Hill Primary School and been awarded the prestigious Teaching School status. Teaching School status will enable us to train our own teachers, provide excellent professional development and support other schools outside of the Trust.

Perhaps the most satisfying event this year. Was the recent OFSTED inspection of Trinity Church School. Those of you who know the history of this school, will be aware that it was graded 'inadequate' following a difficult year in 2015/16 and has now been assessed as 'good' in all categories. Wonderful news for the community, children and staff of the school.

In other news, the MNSP group of schools has been busy setting up systems and support structures that can benefit all primary and secondary schools in the group. This includes regular headteacher meetings, maths and literacy leader meetings, as well as arranging staff secondments from across schools to ensure all our children receive the best possible education whichever school they attend. This close collaboration has meant that every school has been able to show improvements in the progress children are making over time. We have also been able to develop new facilities at schools, including a new outdoor area at Welton and Dundry for Reception children, new security gates at Midsomer Norton Primary, a new AstroTurf surface at Norton Hill and new classrooms at Longvernal, to name but a few.

The MNSP has also funded new learning resources and paid for maths, literacy, child protection and assessment training for staff. We continue to invest in provision for SEN children across the schools and are proud of our work to ensure all children, even those 'in the middle' who can be missed in some schools, receive support and attention to achieve their best.

Like me, most parents and carers will be largely interested in the school their child attends, rather than all the other schools in an area. I hope however, that it is helpful to know that there is a larger organisation behind the scenes that is leading school improvement, but also supporting the back-office functions that schools must also take responsibility for. By leading on these aspects the MNSP is supporting headteachers and others in schools, to focus on the important things for children – ensuring they are safe, happy, receiving an excellent education and planning for fruitful, exciting lives.

Over the coming months, the MNSP is likely to grow further to include the following schools:

<i>Hemington Primary School</i>	<i>August 2018</i>
<i>St John's Primary (C of E) Midsomer Norton</i>	<i>September 2018</i>
<i>Westfield Primary</i>	<i>October 2018</i>
<i>St Julian's Primary (C of E)</i>	<i>October 2018</i>
<i>Shoscombe Primary (C of E)</i>	<i>October 2018</i>
<i>Leigh-on-Mendip First School</i>	<i>November 2018</i>
<i>Critchill Special School</i>	<i>January 2019</i>
<i>Possible merger with Dragonfly Trust: (Writhlington Secondary, Mendip Studio School, Peasedown Primary)</i>	<i>January 2019</i>





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As you can see, the Trust is set to expand to roughly 20 schools. This scale, will allow us to continue improving schools so that we become one of the best school partnerships in the country. As a group of schools, results achieved by children in the primary and secondary phases already place us in the top 25% of Trusts. The shared aim of us all, including Trustees, is to continue to raise standards in the coming years, as we deliver on the vision for the federation of providing excellent education to the children of this area.

Thank you to all parents, staff and others in the community who support us with the work we do across the schools in the Trust.

Yours sincerely

Alun Williams
Chief Executive Officer

