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Dear colleagues,

It has been a busy but exciting half term across the Agora Learning Partnership, with many Trust-wide events and activities taking place. Thank you to so many of you for your support and engagement in the opportunities that have been on offer.

This half term also saw the release of Ofsted inspection reports for three more of our schools. One of the reports states, "Warren Dell Primary continues to be a good school. There is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding if the inspector was to carry out a section 5 inspection now." This is a colossal achievement; well done to everyone at Warren Dell! I am also delighted to announce that The Grange Academy has been judged as a 'good' school. The Grange was previously deemed to require improvement; congratulations to everybody for making such fantastic progress – a triumph! Also, Wilbury Junior School was judged to be 'good' in leadership and management, behaviour and attitudes and personal development. This is recognition of all the hard work that has taken place at Wilbury to make significant improvements. Again, well done to everybody!

Yesterday, we held a special event for Jackie Goodhall, our Company Secretary, to mark her retirement and show appreciation for all Jackie's hard work and dedication to making the Trust a success since its inception. Once again, I would like to thank Jackie for her incredible contribution to the Trust's development and I know you will all join me in wishing her well for her future retirement. Good luck Jackie; we will miss you!



Looking forward to next term, we are offering all staff the opportunity to become an Agora Associate. Agora Associates are talented individuals within the Partnership who are willing to offer help and support to others in their specific area of expertise. If you are interested in finding out more, then please take the time to read the letter attached.

Finally, as we finish the term, I would like to wish everybody across the Partnership a well-deserved rest. I hope you enjoy time with friends and family – relax and recuperate. I also hope the sun shines (and that there is no more snow)!

I look forward to working with you all again in the summer.

Kind regards

Rebecca Daulman
Chief Executive Officer

All of the Partnership schools have received visits this half term; the Chief Executive Officer has thoroughly enjoyed visiting every school to carry out monitoring visits and has been impressed by the work going on in all of the schools to help children achieve their full potential by the end of the academic year.

Thank you to all the Governors and Chairs of Academy Governing Boards who have recently attended Partnership-wide meetings, such as the Chairs' Forum; your engagement, contributions and support have been invaluable.

Attendance

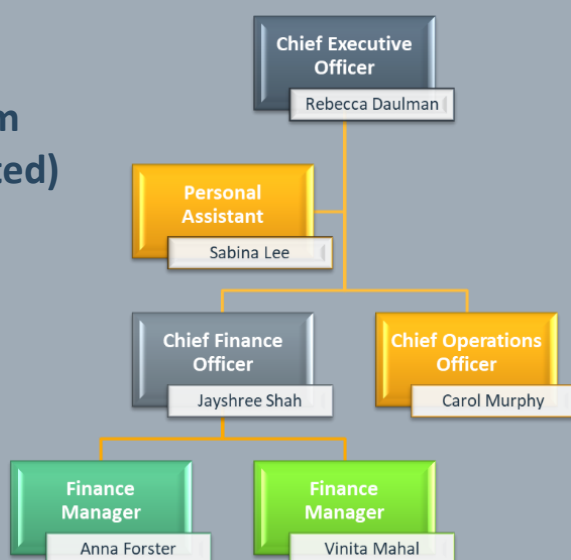
Nationally, attendance in schools is lower than it was before the pandemic. Across the Trust in all of our schools, we are working to increase the attendance rates and reduce the number of children with persistent absence. It would be amazing if all staff and governors help drive improvement in attendance.

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Interested in being part of a **Well-Being and Workload Working Group** consisting of representatives from all the Partnership schools and all staff groups? Please **register your interest with your Headteacher**.

The first meeting will be held on **27 June 2022** (1.00pm-3.00pm).

Central Team 2022 (Updated)



Education Update:

The Government released the white paper this week, *Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child*, which provides information about the future of education across the country. Read it by clicking this [link](#).

ANNUAL STAFF SURVEY 2022

We want to hear your views...please complete the staff survey by Monday 2nd May. All completed surveys will be collected, collated, and analysed; the analysis will help determine the next steps for our organisation. We want to hear from you! Also, the school with the highest percentage of surveys completed will receive a £100 voucher for new books or resources.

Working together, learning together, succeeding together...this half term...

Together for Children

Trust-wide values event (including a competition)

Preparation: Queen's Platinum Jubilee 'kings and queens' day

Together for Staff

Headteacher group - equity, diversity and inclusion training (Hannah Wilson)

Headteacher coaching sessions

Threshold training session

Connecting teams – administrative staff, Chairs (Chairs' Forum)

Agora Associates' scheme launched

Together for All

Focus on flexible working – Trustees

Growth work

Communication (newsletters, videos, Twitter)

Together for Schools

Monitoring visits – common format/language

Early Years reviews

Collaborative working groups: SENDCos

Services: catering, finance, My New Term, National College



TOGETHER
STRATEGY

The Together Strategy details the Partnership's key drivers for Trust-wide improvement over a three-year period. The Strategy is designed to complement the individual work of the Trust schools, supporting staff and children through positive collaboration, Partnership-wide. The Strategy was launched in September 2021. This information details some of the Partnership's 'together' successes from the past few weeks, as well as some information about upcoming events.

The Together Strategy: Next Steps

Together for Children	Together for Staff	Together for All	Together for Schools
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 'kings and queens' day (23.5.22)	Staff survey collation and analysis (April 2022)	Governance working group actions meeting (Summer 2022)	Early Years reviews (20.4.22/22.5.22)
Trust wide children's event – value 1 (24.6.22)	Administrative staff training (27.6.22)	Governance working groups (Summer 2022)	Moderation event (19.5.22)
	Teaching Assistant training (25.4.22/29.6.22)		Designated safeguarding leads collaborative working group (26.5.22)
	Bromet Primary School's leadership event (6.6.22)		Monitoring visits (June 2022)
	Staff well-being working group, including a focus on the Well-Being Charter (27.6.22)		Peer reviews (June 2022)