



# PETERBOROUGH KEYS ACADEMIES TRUST

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a pleasant summer and are looking forward, with your children, to the new school year.

I wrote to you in a similar way last year, after we conducted the parents survey, so apologies if some of the information below is already familiar to you. I hope it will be helpful to new families in particular.

Your child's school is a member of Peterborough Keys Academies Trust, which consists of five schools: Jack Hunt School, Longthorpe Primary School, Nova Primary Academy, Ravensthorpe Primary School and Thorpe Primary School.

The reason our Trust exists is because these five schools chose to become academies in 2018 (moving away from local authority control of Peterborough City Council to PKAT). Over 80% of secondary schools are now academies along with over 40% of primary schools.

The Trust consists of the schools plus a small central team. Our headteachers are accountable to me for school performance, staff development and financial management of the schools. As part of this, we are on a path to align many of the ways of working across the Trust.

In turn, I am accountable to the Board of Trustees of PKAT, who appointed me to the role in September 2022. At school level there is also an important layer of school governance, known as the Academy Committee, made up of community, parent and staff governors. These committees meet regularly with the headteachers to provide support and challenge. We are always seeking governors for our Academy Committees, so please do consider getting involved or encouraging others to do so.

Part of the reason for writing to you now is to let you know that, over the last few months, we have worked with Trustees, Academy Committee members and headteachers to set out more clearly our mission, vision and values. We have deliberately kept these short and memorable:

### **Mission**

Unlocking potential so as to transform lives and enable social mobility.

### **Vision**

Creating schools where every person belongs, thrives and achieves personal success.

### **Values**

- 🌐 Inclusiveness
- 🌐 Kindness
- 🌐 Hard work

In the context of the recent riots across many of our towns and cities, it is more important than ever that we make clear, as educators, employers and citizens, what we stand for and what we won't accept. I hope you feel that the vision and values above speak to our pride in the diversity, respect and ambition within our schools.

UNLOCKING  POTENTIAL

Our Trust is doing well. The budget is balanced for the foreseeable future. We have wonderful staff members, who care passionately about providing a safe and inspiring environment for children to learn.

Recent Ofsted inspections have been very complimentary, and our schools are continuing to improve educational outcomes.

Many of you will remember that we surveyed parents and carers on their opinions last year and we will be doing that again this term. Please do participate in that survey when it comes out, as it helps us to identify what is working well and where we need to do better. We will do this annually (also with children and staff). Areas that we have been working on since last year are on getting the balance right on homework, helping parents and carers to understand how they can help at home and giving you opportunities to engage with the school. Also, last year the feedback was that not enough was known about PKAT, and I hope this letter will help a bit with that.

Finally, and very importantly, the number one way in which we would ask you to support your children this year is by ensuring that they attend school every day that they are well enough to do so. All evidence nationally demonstrates that strong attendance is vital in making expected educational progress.

With my very best wishes,



Dr Ian Young  
Chief Executive Officer  
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