

15th July 2026

Dear parents/carers

Re: Trust update, summer term 2026

I am writing to share some Trust-wide developments and information for the summer term.

- **Oak Farm Primary School**

I am delighted to share with parents and carers the winning slogan and image for the Trust's competition to mark Oak Farm Primary School joining Vanguard Learning Trust ([click here](#)). The competition involved students across the Trust schools being asked to write a slogan using the number six and referring to the Trust's vision and/or values in 25 or fewer words. The judging process included governors, trustees and central team members. The slogan with the new image, showing the six schools with hexagons, will now be used in publications.

- **Publications**

There are a number of publications being shared with the Trust-wide community this half term focusing on opportunities for students across the Trust:

- Newsletter ([click here](#))
- Review of student activities, 2025-2026 ([click here](#))
- Calendar of provisional dates for student activities, 2026-2027 ([click here](#))

By the end of term, there will be other publications available on the website including the Let's Think conference that was held at Hermitage Primary School on Wednesday 1st July 2026 and an executive summary of the Trust dividend 2024-2026. I trust these publications reflect the range of opportunities available to students across the Trust as well as the benefits of being a community of local schools.

- **Trust-wide school improvement work**

- **Let's Think conference**

The second Trust-wide Let's Think conference was held at Hermitage Primary School on Wednesday 1st July 2026 with the focus on lesson observations. The event was a resounding success, being excellently organised and hosted by Hermitage school staff. The students were a credit to the school and their enthusiasm and engagement throughout the lessons were acknowledged by the delegates observing the lessons. As noted above, a publication about the conference will be available shortly on the Trust's website.

- **Adaptive teaching**

The Trust-wide school improvement focus, 2025-2028, is on adaptive teaching as part of the Trust's vision and commitment to outstanding, inclusive education. Following the success of the Trust-wide conference in the autumn term on inclusion, preparations have been made this academic year to

launch an expert practitioners' programme next year for staff across the Trust. This is an excellent example of the Trust dividend in terms of the benefits of working together as a community of local cross-phase schools.

➤ **Learnus**

The Trust received the Learnus Schools Award in June 2026 in recognition for the Trust-wide work on engaging with educational neuroscience in order to inform practice ([click here](#) for award).

- **Policy updates**

There have been a number of revisions to policies and protocols as part of the Trust's annual review cycle and the Trust's executive policy/protocol executive summary document has been updated ([click here](#)). The policies will be available on the schools' websites from September. To meet the requirements of Benedict's Law, from September 2026 each school will have a standalone allergy safety policy in place. This new statutory requirement is supported by Department for Education guidance and includes measures such as keeping spare adrenaline auto-injectors onsite and readily accessible in the event of an emergency.

- **Stakeholder feedback**

The Trust is committed to listening to the views of students, parents and carers, recognising that stakeholder feedback is an important part of continuing to improve the quality of education and care across all schools. This term's surveys highlighted many positive aspects of school life, with 92% of parents and carers agreeing that their child's school encourages good attendance and 85% of students reporting that they feel they belong at their school. The feedback will be shared with school leaders and will help to inform future Trust-wide priorities and school improvement work. Following a review of the survey process, the Trust will introduce a revised approach to gathering parent and carer feedback from September 2026. Rather than issuing surveys each term, there will be one annual parent/carers survey across all schools based on Ofsted's Parent View questions. This will reduce the number of requests made to families whilst providing meaningful, comparable feedback across the Trust. It is hoped that the new approach will encourage even greater participation, ensuring that views from parents and carers continue to play an important role in shaping the future direction of the Trust.

I hope this letter continues to provide relevant information for parents/carers in relation to Trust-wide work and developments, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish families an enjoyable and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



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