

Trust Parent Bulletin 5



Wednesday 20th May 2026

Dear Families,

I hope this latest newsletter finds you all well as we reach the end of a short but busy half term, with lots going on.

Leadership Changes

This half term, we have been busy recruiting a new Headteacher for Ribble Drive, following Mrs Counce's decision to pursue a new career in September. We thank her immensely for all her hard work, dedication and commitment during the 8 years she has worked at Ribble Drive as Deputy, Co-Head teacher and, most recently, Headteacher. The Trust and school community will miss her dearly and she leaves with our very best wishes. Good luck!

I am delighted to confirm, that after a robust recruitment process, we have appointed Mrs Kobak to the role of Headteacher from September. Mrs Kobak joins us from a local school, where she is currently the Head teacher and will bring a wealth of leadership experience to both Ribble Drive and the Trust. Welcome to Mrs Kobak!

We will also be welcoming a new Deputy Headteacher at Heaton Park, Mrs Hickson, who will take up her role in September. We are excited for Mrs Hickson to join the Heaton Park team.

Mrs Edwards has been successfully appointed as the role of Head teacher at Butterstile and will be supported by Mrs Critchley as Deputy Head teacher. Huge congratulations to both and I know they will continue to be assets to both their school and the Trust.

Trust Work

I have had the privilege of being involved in Peer Reviews in four of our Trust school's recently. A peer review involves 3 or 4 other headteachers visiting the school on one day and focusing on certain aspects of the school. The peer reviews that have happened so far have been in Whitefield, Cams Lane, Ribble Drive and Butterstile. In all schools, there was a particular focus on inclusion, safeguarding, maths, early reading and early years. The reviews highlighted the strengths that we have across all of our schools, particularly our inclusive and nurturing ethos. Thank you to the schools involved in showcasing the excellent work within our Trust.

Good News

Congratulations to Sedgley Park who have been awarded Bronze as part of the Emotionally Friendly Settings Accreditation

The panel were extremely positive about the work taking place across the school and felt that there are many strengths to celebrate. In particular, SD1 and SD5 – were highlighted as

“exceeding” the expected standard, which is a real credit to the commitment to Emotional Health and Wellbeing shown by everyone at Sedgley Park. The panel were unanimous in their view that Sedgley Park Primary offers the school community a supportive and nurturing base and that everyone involved should feel rightfully proud of the work being done.

This is a link to the programme - [Home | Emotionally Friendly Settings](#)

Heaton Park, once again, have had sporting success with the girls football team beating Woodbank and becoming football league winners, the Rugby team getting bronze at a tournament at Sedgley Park and the girls Netball team coming 4th in their league cup!

Butterstile had a very exciting visit to school by Manchester United and Class of 92 legend, Paul Scholes in his role as one of the co-founders of Foundation 92, the charitable organisation supporting the local community of Salford City Football Club.

As part of Butterstile's careers related learning, the children asked him lots of questions about how he became a footballer and various aspects of his career both during his time playing and since he retired. Through Butterstile's motto of Nurture -Inspire -Achieve, the children were certainly inspired, listening to Paul sharing tales of his very successful playing career, including his favourite goals, stadiums and even his favourite chant! The children and staff really enjoyed meeting Paul and he even helped out in assembly, by presenting the school's weekly certificates.





Cams Lane, Heaton Park and Woodbank have taken part in Sophie Lancaster Foundation workshops. The feedback from the staff delivering the workshops was very positive.

‘WOW! What a week we have had at Woodbank, Heaton Park, Sedgley and Cams Lane Primary School. Can I first just say a massive thank you for your support and the support from your schools. We were welcomed so warmly and the children were so engaged, polite and inquisitive. It was a joy for all of us - we have genuinely had a brilliant week!’

Steph Ashton , Deputy Chief Executive

Woodbank has received a Bury active school award for having an active, healthy school environment.

We are also very much looking forward to a Trust Rounders Competition in June.

Attendance and punctuality continue to be a primary focus across all of our schools. Research shows that good attendance to schools is directly linked to better achievement and lifelong earnings. We want to work positively and proactively with you all in ensuring all of our children are in school, with an attendance target of at least 95%. Pupils who attend school for less than 95% of the time miss the equivalent of half a day’s learning per fortnight. Moments matter, attendance counts!

Trust Priorities for 2025-2026

A reminder of our Trust Development Plan priorities for 2025-2026:

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- *Creating a culture in all our schools that is motivating and ambitious for SEND, so that pupils can achieve their full potential.*
 - *Continuing to improve our outcomes with a focus on oracy in the Early Years, and the teaching of phonics and multiplications.*
 - *Ensuring we have supportive working environments by managing workload and prioritising wellbeing.*
 - *Having effective and efficient use of resources for the benefit of all schools in the Trust.*
 - *Preparing our schools for the new Ofsted Framework.*
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Please remember to take a look at our Trust website if you have a few minutes.

<https://www.thecollectivecommunitytrust.co.uk>

Have a wonderful half term break-enjoy!

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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