Trust Parent Bulletin 1 2026-2027

The Collective Community Trust

Monday 19th October 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely summer and your child/ren have all settled back into school after the summer break.

I am thrilled to say we have started back with lots of things to celebrate across our Trust.

Last year our priorities were around improving our data outcomes for Early Years (Good Level of Development), Phonics and Multiplication Times Tables. We have seen an improvement in all

three areas across the Trust, which is wonderful news, and thanks must go to all the staff in our schools who have been working hard in these areas. I am also proud of our KS2 outcomes at the expected levels for Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Trust data is all at or above national.

As always there are always things we want to work on and further improve. For 2026-2027 our Trust priorities are:

- *Increase attainment in Writing, GPS and Mathematics at Greater Depth*
- *Improve attendance and reduce Persistent Absence across all schools*
- *Narrow the attainment, attendance and engagement gaps for disadvantaged pupils through a strengthened Trust-wide inclusion strategy.*
- *Embed a culture of high expectations, ensuring strong foundations and consistent presentation standards are embedded across all schools.*

Once again, attendance and punctuality remain key priorities for both the Trust and schools across the country. While we were pleased to see improvements in attendance rates across many of our schools last year, we recognise that there is still more work to do to ensure every child benefits from being in school, on time, every day.

Regular attendance is one of the most significant factors in a child's educational success. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for learning, developing key skills, building confidence and strengthening relationships with peers and adults. Poor attendance can lead to gaps in learning that become increasingly difficult to address over time, affecting attainment, progress and future aspirations.

The benefits of good attendance extend far beyond academic achievement. Being in school helps children develop important social skills, resilience, teamwork and a sense of belonging within their community. These qualities play a vital role in preparing young people for further education, employment and successful adult lives. Research consistently shows that strong attendance is linked to improved life chances, higher future earnings and greater economic opportunities.

Good punctuality is equally important. Arriving on time ensures children start the day positively, settle into learning quickly and do not miss important teaching and social interactions. Even small amounts of lost learning time can accumulate significantly over the course of a school year.

We are committed to building on the progress already made and achieving further improvements through a strong partnership between school and home. By working together, we can ensure that every child attends regularly, arrives punctually and has the very best opportunity to thrive academically, develop socially and emotionally, and realise their full potential both now and in the future.

Trust Work

I have visited all schools so far this half term. It is always a real privilege and pleasure to go into our schools. The children are always an absolute delight and a credit. They have settled back in after the six-week holiday and are working hard. As always, I am very proud of the calm, safe, inclusive environments that are in place.

A special mention must go to Butterstile for receiving the Gold Award for Primary Futures, which is all about raising aspirations through career related learning.

One of the reasons we formed our Trust was to encourage collaboration and partnership working. Already we have had a Trust Rounders and Football Tournament. The Trust Rounders Tournament was a very close call, with Butterstile and Woodbank coming head to head. Congratulations go to Woodbank, who won the final game.







The Football Tournament was also a close call, with Heaton Park being beaten in the finals by Cams Lane. Again, congratulations go to Cams Lane. Thanks must go to Mr Bindle, at Butterstile for organising the Rounders, and Mr Moran, at Woodbank, for organising the Football. It was so lovely for all the schools to come together, showing great sportsmanship and really positive attitudes and behaviour.








9



We also have a School Council Conference coming up at the Town Hall later this month, which will be exciting.

Other Amazing News

Staff have also come together for some training. We had a session on 1st September with Paul McKee looking at mental-health and well-being, and Mr P, an IT specialist, supporting with ideas around adaptive practices for children with special needs. Our Early Careers Teachers have come together for a training session and our Teaching Assistants have recently attended some training on Oracy.







So far, a very busy start to the term but with lots of successes.

Please remember to take a look at our Trust website if you have a few minutes.
https://www.thecollectivecommunitytrust.co.uk

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Kelly

Macadam

CEO *The Collective Community Trust*

Keith Bardsley

Chair of the Trustees

The Collective Community Trust