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Dear Parents and Carers

New CEO – introduction

I am writing to let you know that I have been appointed as Chief Executive Officer at Derby Diocesan Academy Trust. Having lived in Derbyshire since I trained as a teacher at the start of my career, I am delighted to be working with pupils, parents, carers, staff, governors and trustees to ensure that DDAT builds on its existing successes to support the progress of all of the young people in our care.

Most recently I have led the Uttoxeter Learning Trust in Staffordshire as Chief Executive Officer, since prior to the pandemic in 2020. This Trust has now expanded to 9 schools which span the full statutory age range, as well as including nursery and Post 16 education. All those schools judged by Ofsted and SIAMS are currently rated 'Good' or better. My experience as a headteacher has included leading UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park, a pioneering 11 – 19 academy specialising in Health Sciences, Sport Science and Computing. The curriculum prepared students for careers in high tech job sectors of the future and under my leadership the UTC achieved a judgement of 'Good' on its first Ofsted in 2019.

Having held a variety of senior roles in education across South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire, I am committed to providing an inspired and innovative education for all pupils within our schools. Over the remaining weeks of the summer term, I will be visiting all of the 30 schools within our family to understand more about the communities that play an essential role in our multi academy trust.

Yours Sincerely



Sarah Clark – Chief Executive Officer DDAT

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