



Welcome to the Summer Term

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My name is Tracey Cleverly and I am delighted to have been appointed to lead our Trust family of schools in the role of Chief Executive. I would like to welcome you all back to the summer term and I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break.

My role, leading the Trust, is to ensure that your child is offered an exceptional educational experience by ensuring that we work collectively as a family of schools. It is my role to make sure that we use all of the advantages of being a Trust of nine schools to provide your child with an amazing curriculum and that they are cared for and nurtured by the very best teachers and support staff. We want to ensure that your child not only learns but has fun, is inspired and has the opportunity to experience a vibrant curriculum.

As we have emerged from lockdown it has been a pleasure to be in our schools this week. Heads and staff have been working together, across all the schools to share their expertise and consider how we best support the children.

In the media we hear news of huge gaps and lost generations. We absolutely will not talk about our pupils in this way. Instead we are focused on providing great teaching and curriculum experiences to help all pupils flourish.

Across our schools we use outdoor learning to encourage lots of chances to use language, collaborate and reconnect with their friends. This week, during my time at Thurlestone C of E Academy and Ellacombe C of E Academy we saw the impact of that Trust wide work and children were engaged in Forest School, Wet Wednesday and lots of language rich opportunities to learn.





We are still subject to strict COVID guidelines within the school. Working as bubbles and socially distancing is still very important and you can find the most recent risk assessments for your child's school on the website. I wanted to thank our families for adhering to the measures we have put in place for pickups and drop offs. It feels very alien to not have parents in school and we are hoping that someday soon we can bring our communities back together. Until then, thank you for your patience and commitment to keeping our children and each other safe.

We all want to recognise and celebrate what parents and families have achieved with remote learning. We know that you were juggling so many things and yet you all ensured that your child was supported with their learning. It has been tough on families and the staff and we want you to know that we think you are amazing! You also found time to show staff your support and we wanted to thank you for every kind word of support and every smile that you gave our staff because it made a huge difference.

During lockdown you have given us lots of feedback in various questionnaires. We will use this information to make sure we learn from the lockdowns, for example, we know that some parents found online consultation meetings worked better for them and we are looking at how we continue to offer what worked well in lockdowns.

Each school will offer what supports their communities in the best way possible. Watch this space for updates!

As I take on this new role, I look forward to meeting you when I am in your child's school. It was wonderful to say hello to so many parents on the gate at Ellacombe this week and I look forward to seeing more of you all, across all of our schools.

I will continue to write to parents regularly so that you know how we are doing all that we can to ensure that your child has the very best education because they attend a school that is part of the Learning Academy Partnership.

Have a great start to the summer term.



Tracey Cleverly
Chief Executive

