



Chess Valley Primary Learning Trust

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WHO WE ARE:

The Chess Valley Primary Learning Trust consists of two primary schools: Christ Church Chorleywood C of E School and Sarratt CE Primary School. We value respect, trust, commitment and service, and believe our focus on outstanding primary education, shared expertise and mutual support has allowed both schools to flourish since our launch in April 2019.

OUR VISION:

We value the unique relationship that primary schools have with their local community and the specialist knowledge that can cultivate. But we also recognise that there is strength in numbers, putting collaboration at the heart of our vision. We believe that when expertise is shared in an aspirational and supportive environment, schools can really thrive. So, our goal is to extend our family by up to five additional community and church schools over the next five years.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- A culture of innovation and excellence through collaboration & mutual support
- Teaching and learning embedded in the latest educational technology
- Guidance, support and development
- Autonomous governance and strong leadership
- Centralised accounting & finance systems
- Expertise in capital projects & Government CIF bids
- Grounds maintenance & premises management support
- Cost savings through shared contracts & services

GOVERNANCE:

Our governance structure is streamlined for maximum effectiveness & delegates as much to local governing bodies as possible, depending on a school's circumstances. In a multi-academy trust, the Members and Directors (also referred to as Trustees) have strategic responsibility for the Trust. Their distinct roles are summarised as follows.

Trust Members: Responsible for approving the Memorandum and Articles of Association, appointing and removing Directors and receiving the annual accounts.

Board of Directors: Responsible for the Trust Strategic Development Plan, schedule of delegation to Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) and approving local governor appointments.

CHARACTER:

This is important to us. So much so, we've enshrined within the Trust the rights of all schools to maintain their current character and ethos. Their history and local context will also be fully respected and protected, including the name of the school, the provision of a Local Governing Body (LGB), their individual school admissions policies, uniform, local voluntary funds and religious character (where relevant).

LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES:

Each school's LGB establishes its own procedures and structures, via working groups or sub-committees, for example. Its role, powers and responsibilities are outlined in the published Scheme of Delegation. This currently includes teaching and learning, recruitment of staff (up to senior leader level), managing the school budget, implementing policies, implementing admissions procedures, ensuring the implementation of the School Development Plan, and liaising with parents.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:

Community schools are most welcome to join our Trust. Your LGB will be responsible for ensuring your individual character is respected and upheld.

CHURCH SCHOOLS:

You don't have to be a church school to join our Trust. But if you are, the LGB will be responsible for ensuring your individual Christian character is respected and upheld.