

THE DIAMOND LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of an important transition within The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust (DLPT). Our Chief Executive Officer, Susannah Connell, will be retiring on the 31st August 2025 after a remarkable career spanning over thirty years in teaching, founding the Trust and leading its development and growth for over ten years.

Reflecting on her time with DLPT, Susannah shared:

"It has been an immense privilege to lead The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust and work alongside such talented and committed individuals. Together, we have built a strong foundation that ensures the Trust's continued success in providing exceptional education and opportunities for our pupils. I am incredibly proud of all we have achieved and am confident the Trust will continue to thrive under its next leader."

Under Susannah's leadership, the Trust has flourished into a thriving Multi Academy Trust, with significant achievements including Middlefield Primary Academy attaining an outstanding Ofsted rating and all other Trust schools now rated as good. Her vision, dedication, and unwavering commitment to education have positively impacted the lives of countless students across our community.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Jonathan Lewis as the Trust's new Chief Executive Officer, effective 1st September 2025. Jon, currently serving as our Chief Finance and Operations Officer (CFOO), brings extensive experience and a deep understanding of the Trust's mission and values. His distinguished career includes roles such as Deputy Regional Schools Commissioner for the Department for Education and Director of Education for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, and Northamptonshire Authorities.

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Jon was selected following a comprehensive recruitment process conducted by an experienced panel of Trustees and Members. His proven leadership skills, strategic expertise, and passion for education make him well-suited to lead DLPT into its next chapter of growth and success.

Speaking on his appointment, Jon said:

"I am honoured to have been selected as the next CEO of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust. I have great respect for the Trust's mission and values and am committed to building on its strong foundation. Together with our dedicated staff, I look forward to advancing our vision of providing outstanding education and fostering collaboration across our schools."

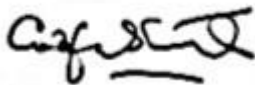
To ensure a smooth transition, Susannah will work closely with Jon and the Board of Trustees over the coming months.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our Chair, Godfrey Smith, expressed deep gratitude for Susannah's exceptional leadership:

"Susannah Connell has been a driving force behind the Trust's success, and we are immensely thankful for her vision and dedication. We are confident that Jon Lewis will build on this legacy and lead the Trust to even greater heights. We look forward to seeing DLPT continue to deliver outstanding outcomes for children and families while expanding its positive impact on education."

We thank you for your continued support and partnership as we navigate this exciting new chapter for The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust.

Yours sincerely,



Godfrey Smith
Chair of Trustees