

# Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust

Learn, Love and Achieve, Together with Jesus

## Welcome

I am proud to be the CEO of the Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust. Our Trust was established in September 2017 and has grown rapidly in that time. All of our schools have taken an active role in shaping our Trust ensuring it is focused on making a real difference to all learners. The right of all to have an excellent education is at the heart of everything we do.

Our established networks have provided exciting opportunities for schools to work together to create a fluid school improvement system. Our aim is to enable sustainable collaboration, with schools actively sharing best practice and supporting and challenging one another.

*"Since joining, we have been fully supported and challenged to further improve practice through excellent training, shared best practice and quality assurance. Through the vision and ethos of LDST, all of this is achieved within a Christian community of schools working together, whilst allowing each school to have its own distinctiveness and thrive within its local context. We feel empowered to achieve our best."*

*Mrs A Richardson, Headteacher,  
Rainford CE Primary School*

We are really keen to welcome new schools to our Trust to ensure that together we make a difference across our region. If the prospect of being part of this innovative approach has inspired you, and you can see the benefit of schools working together to achieve collective aims, we would welcome hearing from you.

**Laurie Kwissa**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust



## Benefits:

The benefits of joining LDST reflect our core values:

- **We value collaboration**
  - Connecting great teachers and leaders across our family of schools to share best practice and provide an excellent education.
  - Working together to minimise administrative burdens, maximise efficiencies and target the most resources possible into school improvement.
  - Developing peer partnerships with other MATS nationally and an annual Trust INSET Day with nationally renowned keynote speakers.
- **We value local and seek to empower local leadership**
  - Centralised policies and infrastructure that free up leaders to focus on teaching and learning.
  - Close partnerships with the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership – providing high quality CPD and leadership development.
  - Direct access to the whole suite of NPQs with high quality teaching and mentoring.
  - Empowering and developing local governance with agreed delegation and regular CPD to support and challenge local leadership.
- **We value inclusion**
  - A commitment to inclusion ensuring that all learners overcome barriers and thrive through an education that teaches wisdom, instils hope, nurtures community and embeds dignity and respect.
  - Providing opportunities for all our people to develop, pursue career aspirations and contribute significantly to wider improvements.
- **We value difference and celebrate the strengths in each of our schools**
  - Providing a bespoke offer which provides an excellent education, either through the individual school's own ability to self-improve or through relevant support and intervention.

If you want to find out more about LDST or wish to arrange a meeting with members of our team, please contact: [hannah.jones@ldst.org.uk](mailto:hannah.jones@ldst.org.uk)

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## Our School Improvement Model:

We provide a graduated level of support and intervention to schools based on accurate categorisation of strengths, needs and priorities. Our schools tell us that our school improvement offer is why they joined and why they recommend LDST.

*"The collaboration, support and genuine care provided by fellow Headteachers and the Central Team is truly amazing and has without question helped to support all staff but also helped to drive forward standards in school. The extent of the school improvement provision we receive was demonstrated in our recent Ofsted inspection (January 2022) wherein we received an outstanding judgement."*

*Mrs J Young, Headteacher,  
Parish CE Primary School*

Our school improvement strategy supports leaders by encouraging collaboration at every level, so that strengths can be celebrated and best practice shared.

We are determined that we know our schools well so that we can be:



## Our Goals:

- To support schools to be self-sustaining, inclusive learning communities of professionals who connect and collaborate to share best practice and innovative approaches.
- To ensure that all learners thrive through an education that teaches wisdom, instils hope, nurtures community and embeds dignity and respect.
- To support our schools to provide an excellent education that enables all our children and learners to flourish and achieve.

*"As Chair of Governors I unreservedly recommend being a member of a MAT, specifically LDST. Our school is so much stronger being within the group of schools and this leads seamlessly to us being able to improve the quality of education we can offer to every child and drive up standards."*

*"Being part of a MAT, means no one ever works in isolation. Whilst autonomy remains on many levels, the local governing body benefit from support of the highest possible quality from LDST."*

*Mrs C Roberts, Chair of Governors,  
St Michael's CE High School  
Trustee, Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust*

## Our Purpose:

Working together with our school communities, to provide an excellent education built on Christian values, that is committed to well-being and supporting each other, so that all children, learners and staff across our Trust, flourish.

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