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1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Little Heaton Primary School

From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, Little Heaton CE Primary will be a member of The Cranmer Education Trust ([Cranmer Education Trust](#)) a schools' trust of 6 schools across Rochdale and Oldham with 3 more schools in the process of joining and supported by our big teacher training and development arm.

Welcome to the family!

We have been supporting Little Heaton's leadership since last Autumn. That involvement will increase as we work with the school to help improve the quality of provision for all our children. We look forward to your support; when we are all working together, our children will benefit.

To help with the improvement, we will be putting an interim governance in place, known as an IEB, for 12-18 months. This will be smaller than a normal governing group and will mainly be experienced educational professionals. I have written to thank the outgoing governing body on behalf of us all. Once the improvement journey is secure, we will reintroduce a local governing committee, as in all our schools, which will include parent representation.

During the summer/early autumn, we will making improvements to the school buildings. A lot of this work can only be done during school holidays so that learning is not interrupted. However, you will see differences and the children will particularly and literally, especially when the new lighting and ventilation systems are installed.

Little Heaton will keep its name, its Christian ethos, its uniform and its own identity in our trust. There will not be any changes to the term and holiday dates. All the staff are being transferred to The Cranmer Education Trust so your child will see the same teachers, TAs and support staff around the school. When you need to contact the school, please continue to go through your child's class teacher or through the Headteacher, Mrs Hamer.

Joining a schools' trust is a big step legally and organisationally, but it is done to help the school make the best provision for the children, to enable them to become the best version of themselves – everything they can be and are meant to be.

We look forward to working with you on this new chapter for Little Heaton.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs Julie Hollis**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**The Cranmer Education Trust**