



Cawston Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

We wanted to write to you about Leadership arrangements at Cawston Primary Academy. Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sharon Brett, who has been in the role as Acting Headteacher this term. She will have a different role going forward as you will see. We also thank Mrs Deanne Dafforn who has been Acting Assistant Headteacher this term and who will now be returning to her usual role.

You may be aware that after the previous Headteacher Mrs Kay Swann left, we sought unsuccessfully to recruit a new Headteacher for Cawston. To ensure that the strong position of Cawston can be maintained going forwards we are putting in place a temporary arrangement for at least the remainder of the school year. Under this arrangement we are partnering with the Trinity Federation, a strong federation of schools in the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT). There is a strong tradition of DNEAT academies working together in this way. It is important to stress that this is a genuine partnership. The many strengths of Cawston and Trinity will ensure the best educational experience for children, staff and families in all settings. There will be opportunities for all of the settings to work together.

The Trinity Federation consists of St Peter's Easton Primary Academy, which is very similar to Cawston Primary Academy, and two smaller schools Hockering Primary Academy, and Great Witchingham Primary Academy. The Executive Headteacher, Mrs Rebecca Newman, will become Acting Executive Headteacher over Trinity Federation and Cawston for the period of the partnership while Mrs Brett is in post as Acting Head of School at Cawston.

Although Mrs Newman will be working on site at Cawston, the Executive nature of her role means she will not be there all the time. Mrs Brett will be available on site daily, working under the executive and strategic leadership of Mrs Newman.

Towards the end of the partnership we will decide together whether it develops into a larger federation of four schools, including Cawston, or whether Cawston appoints its own Headteacher.

We have begun planning a 'partnership day' (or days!) for children across all settings in the partnership. This will take place in the Spring term and we look forward to sharing details with you next term.





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There will be opportunities for you to provide feedback as the partnership progresses. In the meantime, Mrs Newman is very much looking forward to meeting you next term.

Cawston, together with the Trinity Federation, are looking forward to this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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