



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the chair of the Venture MAT Board of Trustees I am writing to inform you of some staffing changes within our multi-academy trust. Sean Powers, the CEO of Venture MAT, will sadly be leaving us this year after many happy years of leadership at Venture MAT.

When an organisation like Venture with its two academies, Trevithick and St. Issey has to say goodbye to an inspiring leader there is bound to be a degree of sadness, and apprehension regarding the future. We will all miss his many talents that have transformed the schools, and along with them, the lives of so many children. His passion and skills are examples to all who follow him. We wish him even greater success in his new role of CEO at St. Barnabas MAT in the east of the county, where he has been on secondment, for the last couple of years.

Part of Sean's (Mr Power's) skill in transforming schools is down to his astute selection of key members of staff in each establishment. Our two schools are good examples of this and I am pleased to confirm that the Trustees, after due consideration of all his qualities, have appointed Will Johnson as his successor as CEO of Venture MAT, and to continue as Headteacher of Trevithick; to take effect on September 1st. I'm sure that he will enjoy the support of both staff and parents at each school.

Once we are all free to gather again, there will be an opportunity to say goodbye to Sean properly, with all the usual fuss: just possibly before he officially leaves us on August 31st.

I have personally very much enjoyed working with Sean, as Governor and Trustee, for his entire association with our schools. I'm also looking forward to a similar relationship with Will.

Philip,

Philip J Robinson, Chair of the Trust Board.