

26<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear parents, carers and staff,

### **CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2017/18**

I am writing to inform you that today we have accepted the resignation of Mr David Tytherleigh from the position of Chair of the Board for Discovery MAT. Mr Tytherleigh will also be stepping down from his role on the Board of Trustees. This decision is due to a change of role and increased work commitments. It is with regret that Mr Tytherleigh has made this decision, and he wishes the Trust the very best for its future development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Tytherleigh for his tremendous contribution over the last four years, both as part of the Southernway Federation and Discovery MAT, being integral to the strategic development of the Trust. He also played a huge part in fundraising with the PTFA for the Outdoor Learning Den at Oakwood Primary Academy. I am sure that many children will remember roasting giant marshmallows by the fire pit! His commitment to the academies and its children has been greatly valued by staff and parents alike.

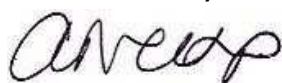
As part of establishing governance for the new academic year, the Board annually re-elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. For 2017/18, Mrs Hannah Randall has been appointed to the position of Chair of the Board, and Mr Steve Evans has been elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

Mrs Hannah Randall has a long-standing relationship with the Southernway Federation and Discovery MAT. A teacher by profession, Mrs Randall has been a governor and Board Member for over six years, and has previously served as Chair of the Southernway Federation Governing Body for five years. She has been integral to the establishment of Discovery MAT and looks forward to seeing the Trust through its next phase of development.

Mr Steve Evans is experienced in school governance, having served as part of the Southernway Federation and as a Board Member for Discovery MAT. He will be working alongside Mrs Randall and the rest of the Board in overseeing the strategic development of the Trust over the coming months.

For further details of the work of the Board of Trustees, please visit the Trust website – [www.discoverymat.co.uk](http://www.discoverymat.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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