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To Parent(s) / Carer(s) of
Students of The Roseland Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

As the autumn term comes to a close I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the work of the Trust Board and some key leadership changes which have taken place over the course of this term.

Following a highly successful four years as Chair of the Board, Paul Grayston stepped down from the role at our meeting in September. Paul has been instrumental in the growth of the Trust and we are pleased he has remained as a Trustee. I have been a Trustee since the Trust was formed in 2016, previously serving as a Governor of The Roseland Academy, and am honoured to step up to Chair with valuable support from Morag Cunningham as Vice Chair. The Trust Board continues to work with all schools in the Trust along with Trust leaders to ensure we achieve the best possible outcomes for all our students. You can find information on who we are under the governance tab of the Trust website; theroselandmat.co.uk.

As a Trust Board our core functions are;

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Hold the executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
- Oversee the financial performance of the organisation and make sure its money is well spent.

We carry out these functions in a number of ways, including board meetings and monitoring visits. We are active in all the schools and, in usual circumstances, enjoy visiting them during the school day and meeting your children. They are always a pleasure to speak with; from the youngest within the nursery provision through to those studying in our post 16 centres and are always proud to show us their learning. We also enjoy attending various school events and celebrating the achievements of the students, be it primary nativity plays or secondary awards evenings. We look forward to a time when these events can continue again.

Following the growth of the Trust over the past two years, the Trust Board has had to consider the Trust's Leadership structure. We are very pleased to confirm that from January 2021 Mr Chris Challis will assume the full time role of Chief Executive Officer across the Trust, which means he relinquishes his role of Headteacher at The Roseland Academy. Mr Challis has led the Trust exceptionally well over the past four years. We know having him in place as a full time CEO will secure our success moving forward and enable him to support each of our schools further.



We are also pleased to confirm that following a successful interview process this week Mr Richard Clarke has been appointed to the role of Headteacher at The Roseland Academy from January 2021. Mr Clarke has carried out the role of Deputy Headteacher for the past five years and we know the school will be in safe hands under his leadership. We look forward to working with Mr Clarke further.

As a Board we are undertaking a review of our governance structure to ensure it remains appropriate. It is likely there will be several governance opportunities arising over the course of this year which we will communicate to you further as we formalise our arrangements. I would ask all parents and carers to consider them. Supporting the governance of your child's school through a Trust wide governance position is highly rewarding and we would welcome applications.

Falmouth School is the newest addition to the Trust having joined on 1 September. As Trustees we have been working hard with school leaders to embed the visions and values of the Trust. We are pleased to report that a recent Ofsted monitoring visit was positive, and we look forward to Ofsted resuming their normal inspection arrangements so we can celebrate the positive journey of the school. Although our Trust has not had any Local Governing Bodies in place since 2016, we have chosen to retain Falmouth School's existing Local Governing Body at this time. We recognise they hold a wealth of knowledge and experience of the school which will be invaluable in the school's improvement journey.

We would like to reiterate the thanks from our school leaders for your support during these current difficult times of Covid-19. We know it has not been easy for many of you to juggle the demands of new systems and routines, however, the students have flourished from being back at school and we hope this stability will continue into the new year.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Hyde', written in a cursive style.

Nigel Hyde
Chair of the Trust Board