

Skylark Partnership Trust Newsletter



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Welcome to this first edition of the Skylark Partnership Trust newsletter. If you have any queries or comments, please contact me on c.kitchen@skylarkpartnershiptrust.co.uk

What is [The Skylark Partnership](#)? It is a multi academy trust (MAT) which is for schools that offer education for children with medical and mental health difficulties who can't attend school full time. We have 2 academies in the Trust - [Cherry Tree Learning Centre](#) in Dudley, West Midlands, and [Hospital and Outreach Education](#) in Northamptonshire, East Midlands. You can find out more about the different settings by clicking on the links.

What is our vision? We gathered all of the staff and the governors from both academies to talk about what our vision should be and we all agreed on the following: *"To provide access to personalised education and lifelong learning for pupils with medical and mental health needs, accepting the whole child and giving hope to them and their family for an optimistic future, enabling them to make progress and achieve their full potential"*

We shorten it to 'Together we can'.

More about the Trust

Staffing - The Trust is supported by 2 full time staff, a Chief Executive Officer (who is a qualified teacher) - Cath Kitchen - and a Chief Finance Officer - Sue Valentine-Swallow and 3 part time staff.

Head office - the Head Office is in Northampton

Our values are the same across all of the academies in the Trust and for the Trust itself: Respect, Resilience, Cooperation, Compassion, Honesty, Trust and Hope.

Why it is a benefit to our academies to be part of the Trust - each of our academies can support each other and the Trust can support overall. This means our staff can work together to share expertise, our Headteachers work together on their strategic planning and the Trust takes care of the finance aspect. We are still part of the local authorities in which our academies are situated but have the flexibility to respond and act in a way that best suits the needs of our pupils.



Have a great half term break everybody!