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Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm Carolyn Robson, Chief Executive of The Mead Educational Trust (TMET). I'm delighted that Fosse Primary School is joining our TMET family of schools on 1st September 2021. I'd like to tell you more about the Trust and explain what it means for pupils and staff.

About TMET

TMET is a group of 12 schools in Leicestershire – five secondary and seven primary – that work closely together to help each other provide the best possible education for all the children in our care. We also have a central team that provides operational support to schools in areas such as human resources, finance and IT; as well as an educational support team that helps schools improve even further.

Our central offices, which are based at The Mead Centre, are northeast of Leicester city centre and, because we want our schools to be able to work closely together, they are all within a 30-minute drive of our offices.

We believe that having a mix of primary and secondary schools is a real strength, as teachers across Key Stages can work together and learn from each other about how to support children as they transition to secondary school.

The principle that guides everything we do is **'together we make a positive difference'**. Each school in TMET is special and unique, but we are united in the belief that together we make a positive difference to our pupils and our communities.

We believe that any young person from any background deserves an equal chance to be successful in whatever they choose to do. We want to open the doors to their futures and prepare them with the knowledge and confidence to thrive in a competitive world.

We are fiercely ambitious for all the children and young people in our schools and therefore expect the best from all the staff who work in them. In turn, we believe that every staff member should be able to reach their full potential.

There are lots of opportunities for staff to work across schools, providing expertise and support to others while developing their own skills and career paths. This makes for happy staff, but it also helps us to recruit and retain the best teachers.

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Our principals meet fortnightly, both in phase-specific groups and cross-phase, to share ideas and to work together on challenges and new initiatives. Our network groups also connect staff with specific roles across schools, allowing them to share good practice and support each other.

This means staff are constantly learning from each other and finding ways to better support pupils in the classroom, making their learning more effective and more enjoyable.

Finally, we want our pupils to feel part of the wider TMET community, so we are developing activities like sports competitions, cultural activities and academic challenges to widen their horizons.

The cultural diversity of Leicester and Leicestershire is reflected in our schools and our communities. We see this as a real strength, as it gives staff and pupils experiences and perspectives they may not otherwise have. We encourage schools to celebrate and share their unique characteristics with other schools across the Trust.

What will happen next for Fosse?

The school will officially join TMET on 1st September 2021. The name will change to Fosse Mead Primary Academy and there will be a refreshed logo and new signs for the school. Ms Virk (who has been the Executive Headteacher at Fosse since the autumn term) will become the school Principal. The day-to-day life of the school will not really change as a result of joining TMET. The TMET central team and our family of schools will be supporting Ms Virk and her leadership team to bring about improvements across the school, especially in teaching and learning and to the school site and buildings. Fosse staff will work with other TMET schools to share ideas and effective practice.

We are very much looking forward to getting to know everyone at Fosse and working with you to make a positive difference. We know you have lots to bring to our family and we can't wait to get started.

Yours sincerely,



Carolyn Robson CBE
Chief Executive