

4th February, 2019

Dear

I am writing to you in my position as Chair of Trustees of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. As I'm sure you will remember, we came into being on the 1st of January 2018 so we are now just over one year old. I am delighted by the progress the Trust has made during such a short period of time which has recently been appraised by the Regional Schools Commissioner's team. All of the schools initially came together because they shared the same philosophy and ethos around education, and I am delighted that we have upheld and maintained these values in all we have done to-date. It is this ethos and philosophy that binds us together and helps us find common solutions to issues that arise within education. It is also for this reason that other schools are seeking to join us.

With this in mind I am writing to inform you that the Trustees of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust are presently considering requests from St James Primary School in Okehampton and Great Torrington School to join us at an appropriate time during this academic year.

We have undertaken our due diligence of both schools, and indeed they have done the same of us, and we are now at the stage of the Trustees giving careful consideration to this matter.

We are always keen to hear the views of our Trust community and I would welcome your thoughts on this matter. Please email our Clerk to Trustees clerk@dartmoormat.org.uk by Friday 22nd February, and I will ensure the Trustees take your thoughts into consideration as part of the decision making process.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your continuing support as the Trust develops into its second year of operation.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Courtney MBE
Chair of Trustees
Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust