

## Welcome to Hales Valley Trust!

Today your school has joined a family of 6 other primary schools who are also in Dudley!

You may have heard of some of the other schools in our Trust family, they are:

Gig-Mill primary School, Hurst Hill Primary School, Lapal Primary School, Lutley Primary School, Priory Primary School and Woodside Primary School



### ***What does it mean to be part of a Trust of schools?***

We work very collaboratively across our Trust. We work together to ensure 'Success for All'.

The children have a Trust council who are the voice of all children in each school. They meet together regularly and make sure the Directors are doing their best for all of our children and all of the communities we serve. The children also have opportunities to be part of other groups alongside the other schools such as: taking part in a Trust debate – happening in the next few weeks, sporting competitive events and our bi-annual arts event (2025).

We also have groups that your teachers will access so they are well supported to develop their knowledge and understanding of subjects they lead and teach. They have already been co-producing documents with our other schools which are shared across our Trust.

The Trust senior leaders will be working with your school leaders to ensure your children are receiving the best possible education – where we find this isn't the case we will take action to improve this.

We also have a regular meeting for parents who have children with special needs. Our Head of Inclusion brings together groups of parents to ensure they have a good support network.

### ***How will the Trust listen to my voice?***

In school you will have Trust advocates who will ask for the opinion of a variety of stakeholders (children, parents and staff) about certain topics. This will happen at least 3-4 times a year. It will be the opportunity for you to speak to someone face to face to share your views about a topic. The outcomes of this work will be fed directly to the Trust Directors for them to find a way forward.

You will be asked to answer some questions in the next few weeks to let us know your ideas and thoughts about your school. We value your opinion.

### ***What are our Trust values?***

Just like your school we have values that all of our schools aspire towards. Our Trust values are:

**Respectful** - We are honest and kind to ourselves and to each other, We listen to and consider each other's points of view, We look after our environment

**Resourceful** - We think of new ways of solving problems, We work well with others, We aim to be the best we can

**Resilient** - We always try our best, We embrace new challenges and opportunities, We have a positive attitude

*We expect all of our school community to uphold these values, including parents and carers.*

### ***What is a unique fact about our Trust?***

We are passionate about looking after the environment and making sure all of our children are confident global citizens. We not only make sure we recycle as much as possible, we make sure that the food in the kitchen has reduced food miles and when we make changes to buildings we use sustainable materials or use natural resources such as rainwater toilets. If we look after our planet it will look after us and we want to ensure our children are set up for being citizens of the future.

**Finally...** Have a great first day being part of Hales Valley Trust and also Happy St David's Day!

We have sent to each class a welcome gift of some seeds to plant to see how good their growing skills are and whether the classes can demonstrate resilience to this new challenge. The children's challenge is to grow the healthiest plant, we look forward to seeing the photos to post on our X social media page as the new plants develop! Find us @TrustHales

