



Welcome

My name is Doug Selkirk, and I am Chief Executive Officer of Central Learning Partnership Trust.

I am writing on behalf of Rob Turton, Chair of our Trust Board and his fellow directors, to welcome Pitcheroak School to CLPT's family of schools. We are a Wolverhampton based multi-academy trust, with schools in the city, in Rotherham and since November 2020, in Worcestershire.

Our Worcestershire settings are those that previously constituted Advance Trust: Vale of Evesham in Evesham, Kingfisher Special School in Redditch and two Worcester based schools: Riversides and Newbridge Short Stay Secondary School. They are now joined by Pitcheroak.

The day to day running of the school will continue much as before, but we intend to support greater collaborative working between the schools, in what constitutes the Worcestershire Hub of CLPT. Our experience to date has shown this to be beneficial to all parties. We have established a good working relationship with Worcestershire Children First, which is very important as the trust is now responsible for a significant proportion of the High Needs settings in the county.

I hope that the transition process to CLPT has been and will continue to be, a seamless one for all stakeholders: parents, staff and most importantly pupils. Familiarities, consistencies and routines are probably more important than ever in these unprecedented times, and it is crucial, for the well-being of all our young people, that they have these constant reference points in their lives. This does not mean that everything will remain unchanged throughout their time in Pitcheroak. As a trust we have a proud record of sustainable school improvement and we are confident that the leadership and staff in the school have the capacity, with our support, to build on outstanding practice where it presently exists and to make improvements where improvements are required.

I am looking forward to building strong personal relationships with as many people as possible within the Pitcheroak community. CLPT remains the size of Multi-Academy Trust that enables the CEO to adopt a hands-on approach in all settings. As a teacher first and foremost, working with young people, is the most rewarding part of my job and I look forward to playing my part in ensuring this new partnership makes a positive difference to the lives of all our pupils.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Selkirk'.

Doug Selkirk OBE
Chief Executive Officer

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