



# Christ Church CE Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to Mrs Cansdale's recent news, I write to update you on arrangements for the leadership of Christ Church CE Primary School from January 2025.

As you are aware, our school is joining Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust (SCEAT) imminently. Meole Brace CE Primary School are also due to be part of the founding group of schools forming SCEAT.

As both schools will be joining Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust, I have been working alongside the interim CEO for the new Trust and governors in both schools to explore opportunities for the future leadership of our school and I wanted to now share plans with you.

You will know from the public consultation that the vision of Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust is to develop geographical hubs across the Trust that will effectively support school improvement work through collaborative working. Therefore, governors in both our school and Meole Brace Primary School have agreed to move to a model of Executive Leadership with a Head of School responsible for the day-to-day running of each school. This is a leadership model successfully used in many schools, supporting effective school improvement through collaboration and realising financial efficiencies for schools.

Our school has much to contribute to the establishment of the hub model in the Trust and the changes to leadership, which will be for two terms in the first instance, ensures that Christ Church CE Primary and the wider staff team are at the heart of the central Shrewsbury hub with an opportunity to share expertise and further develop the quality of education for all of our children.

The role of an Executive Headteacher differs from the role of a traditional Headteacher. An Executive Headteacher is responsible for the strategic direction of all the schools in their group, working within the vision of the Trust, but they won't be as directly involved in the operational delivery and day-to-day management in individual schools. Those responsibilities belong to each school's Head of School.

It has therefore been agreed that Mr Henry Bray, current Headteacher at Meole Brace CE Primary School, will provide executive leadership across Meole Brace *and* Christ Church from January 2025, fulfilling the role of Acting Executive Headteacher at Christ Church CE Primary School. Mr Bray will be visiting the school this half term to start to get to know our children and staff and I know that he will provide an opportunity for parents to meet him





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early in the New Year. Mr Bray is an experienced school leader, and he will quickly build positive relationships with our school community.

To support this change to Mr Bray's current role and to ensure he can work effectively as an executive leader across two schools the current deputy headteacher at Meole Brace CE Primary will be stepping-up to the position of acting Head of School at Meole Brace CE Primary and our next step, working with the Trust, is to appoint an Acting Head of School for Christ Church CE Primary School.

This position is currently advertised internally across both schools and governors will be involved in the recruitment process prior to the end of term. I will update you once the acting Head of School appointment has been made.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Wagstaff  
Chair of Governors  
Christ Church CE Primary School

