

**Community Academies Trust**

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware, The Telford Park School is a member of the Community Academies Trust having joined it in November 2015. As the new academic year gets under way I wanted to write to you personally about this wider family of schools.

The Community Academies Trust is a successful school based multi academy trust that was founded in 2012 by The Polesworth School and Birchwood Primary School. Our name originates from our shared and determined commitment to ensure communities are well served by their local school. Our schools are:

- Focussed on achieving outstanding academic, personal and social outcomes for the children
- Committed to the moral imperative of community school improvement and improving all children's lives
- Mutually supportive, not in competition and fiercely loyal to each other
- Equal partners with all other schools irrespective of their phase, size or successes.
- Multi academy trust minded - our schools celebrate the success of others as well as themselves and share accountabilities
- Financially disciplined and committed to fulfilling their delegated responsibilities to the best of their abilities under a robust governance arrangement

This culture and ethos ensures your school benefits from shared expertise and support. This means we can maintain our attention to your child's individual talents and potential. My personal commitment to your child as the Chief Executive Officer of the CAT is illustrated by this story:

*"As the old man walked the beach at dawn, he noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. As he caught up with the youth, he asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun. The old man said that there were millions of starfish, and how could he possibly make a difference. The young man looked at the starfish in his hand, and threw it into the waves to safety "it makes a difference to this one" he said.*

The main message from this story is clear - your child will thrive if we all make sure we focus on them as individuals, get to know them well, meet their needs and be ambitious for them.

The Telford Park School is a proud community school that has much in common with its partners. All of us involved with the school are determined the young people in our care will achieve socially, personally and academically and leave us with a crucial sense of possibility - vital for success in life. The school, under the leadership of Mrs Rigby, Mr Carter and the Governing Body is improving rapidly addressing many of the challenges the school has faced in recent years. There is a purposeful and positive culture of high expectation and achievement that is starting to make a real difference for the young people.

You can find out more about our Trust online at our website - [www.communityacademiestrust.org](http://www.communityacademiestrust.org)

Very best wishes



Philip Hamilton  
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for leaving your community and world better than you found it**