WIXAMS TREE PRIMARY ACADEMY

BEDFORD ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

# Tyson Evans - Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as the newly appointed Chair of Governors for Bedford Road Primary Academy and Wixams Tree Primary Academy. Following the Full Board Meeting earlier this term, Susan Hoath stepped down from her position as Chair, and I was honoured to be elected into the role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan for her dedicated leadership and commitment to both schools. I am also very pleased that she has chosen to remain on the Board as a Governor, where her experience and insight will continue to be invaluable.

Prior to joining this Local Governing Board, I served as a co-opted Governor and Chair of the Curriculum and Standards Committee at a two-form entry primary school in Hanwell, London. During that time, we worked closely with the leadership team to support the school in achieving an Outstanding Ofsted judgement under the previous inspection framework.

Alongside my governance experience, I have worked in primary education for the past fourteen years and am currently a Head of School based in North Kensington, London.

This is an exciting and significant year for both Bedford Road and Wixams Tree Primary Academies. The schools are continuing to embed key developments introduced over the past twelve months, building on the strengths already in place and the brilliant work achieved with support from the Knowledge Schools Trust. Together, we aim to ensure these changes make a lasting impact on pupils' learning and experiences.

During the Full Governing Board meeting, both schools shared their School Improvement Plan priorities for the year, along with the wider priorities for all primary schools within the Knowledge Schools Trust.

At Wixams Tree Primary Academy, this includes a focus on developing middle leaders, strengthening reading and writing, and enhancing pupil leadership. The school is also continuing its work on OPAL – the outdoor play provision – as well as embedding the Mind Up programme to support pupils' wellbeing and resilience.

At Bedford Road Primary Academy, priorities include developing middle leaders, fostering a love of reading, expanding enrichment opportunities, and implementing the Primary Knowledge Curriculum in Music and Computing. Like Wixams Tree, Bedford Road is also developing its OPAL play provision to ensure high-quality outdoor experiences for all pupils.

Across all primary schools in the Trust, collective priorities include improving outcomes in Maths, continuing to reduce persistent absence, strengthening SEND provision, refining assessment practices, and furthering the Trust's work on climate and sustainability.

The role of the Local Governing Board is to provide strategic oversight and constructive challenge in three key areas:

- Maintaining the clarity of the school's vision and ethos
- Holding the Headteachers to account for the educational performance of their schools
- Overseeing the financial performance of the schools, alongside the Trust and its Officers, ensuring that resources are used effectively and responsibly

In addition to regular meetings, Governors will be undertaking monitoring visits to both schools throughout the year, aligned with these priority areas such as Inclusion, Curriculum, Assessment, Leadership and Management, and Safeguarding. These visits help us to gain a deeper understanding of the work taking place in classrooms and ensure that the Governing Board's support and challenge are well informed.

I am very much looking forward to working closely with the staff, pupils, and wider community of both schools as we continue to strengthen and celebrate their achievements. I hope to meet many of you in the near future.

With best wishes,

Tyson Evans
Chair of Governors
Bedford Road Primary Academy & Wixams Tree Primary Academy