



Brine Multi Academy Trust

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Richard Middlebrook, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Audlem St James' Pupils and Parents/Carers

Welcome to Brine Multi Academy Trust

As I hope you are aware, from 1st December 2021, Audlem St James Primary School will formally join Brine Multi Academy Trust. Our Trust will consist of two schools, Audlem St James' Primary and Brine Leas School. We apologise for the delay in this happening, we had planned for it to happen at the start of the academic year but factors beyond our control prevented this.

Please remember, as a local trust we care passionately about your school, about the young people of Audlem and about the community of Nantwich as a whole. We have enjoyed many years of working closely together through the Nantwich Education Partnership and the KS2 – KS3 transition programmes between Audlem and Brine Leas School. By firming this up in a Trust arrangement, this gives us the opportunity to take this even further for the benefit of the children in Audlem and give them the best possible start in life.

Mr Perry as Headteacher, Mrs Kay, Chair of Governors and the entire Governing Body will continue to lead and manage the school on a day-to-day basis. They have complete ownership and responsibility for the school. They remain your principle point of contact for any issues relating to Audlem St James. Our role as a Trust is to support them as best we can and help them make our great school even better!

Benefits of being part of Brine MAT

- Schools and multi academy trusts are there for the benefit of young people and by being in a Trust together, it will allow us to develop more resources, be more creative and provide more opportunities for our children.
- One of the real benefits of being in an effective Trust is the sharing of good practice, resources, support and career opportunities within the schools involved and Brine MAT will do our best to make sure this happens. The most important resource in any school are the fantastic staff and we believe in investing in staff and providing the necessary development opportunities to help them develop as professionals, as leaders at all levels and as classroom practitioners.
- A Trust allows economies of scale to help us be more efficient and provide better value for money. Already in partnership with Mr Perry, Mrs Kay and the Governing Body we have made some immediate savings in the background which allow us to spend more of our money on the people who really need it, our children and fantastic staff.

Brine MAT Members

Mr E Forshaw
Mrs J Furber
Mrs G Price
Mr A Robinson

Chester Diocesan Board of Education
(nominated representative)

MAT Directors

Mr W Clayton
Mr N Cliffe
Mr T Cutts
Mrs J Furber
Mr A Robinson
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Mrs S Day
Mr R Middlebrook
Mr B Radford

Member Schools

Audlem St James' CE Primary School
Brine Leas School

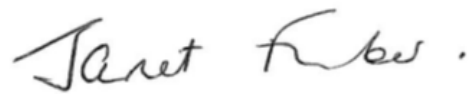
Audlem St James has always been a warm, caring and high performing school and as the new Interim CEO for Brine MAT, I have certainly felt that over recent months as I have visited on numerous occasions. The Trust and I have worked very closely with the school to ensure this conversion was as smooth as possible for all involved. I would like to thank the children, the staff and governors for making me feel so welcome and for being so positive about the future. I like to think of myself as being an approachable person, please come and talk to me whenever you like.

We are very excited about the future for the school and our Trust and we hope you are too.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a capital 'R' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Richard Middlebrook
CEO Brine MAT
On behalf of Brine Multi Academy Trust

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style that reads 'Janet Furber'.

Janet Furber
Chair of Brine MAT