

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Matt Sambrook, and I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new Chief Executive Officer of the SEAX Trust. It is a real privilege to be part of this family of five unique and highly valued special schools, each supporting children and young people with a diverse range of needs.

I come to this role with 24 years of successful experience in education, including 17 years as a Headteacher and Executive Headteacher. During this time, I have had the opportunity to lead across primary, secondary and special settings, serve as Head of SEND and Inclusion within a local authority, and lead two other multi-academy trusts. Over the past eight years in particular, my work has focused on special education, supporting children and young people with complex learning needs, autism, severe learning difficulties, SEMH, and those in alternative provision.

What has always mattered most to me, and will continue to guide my work here, is that children and young people are at the heart of everything we do. Every decision we make as a Trust will be centred on what is best for your children: their learning, their wellbeing, their independence, and their future.

I strongly believe that the best outcomes are achieved when schools, families and wider professionals work closely together. Building positive, open and trusting relationships with you is therefore very important to me, and I am committed to ensuring that your voice is heard and valued within your child's school and across the Trust.

Each of our schools has its own identity, strengths and community, and it is important to me that these continue to be recognised and celebrated. By working together as a Trust, we can share expertise, support one another, and create even more opportunities for all our pupils.

I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that every child and young person continues to thrive.

With best wishes,

Matt Sambrook

**CEO, SEAX Trust**

