

Dear Parents and Carers

After seven years of working for the SEAX Trust as CEO, I have decided to retire. As you can imagine, it has been a very difficult decision. I am very lucky to love my job, but I will be leaving the Trust at Easter and will be replaced by a new CEO, Dr Matthew Sambrook. He will introduce himself to you when he takes up the post in a few weeks' time. I do know he is very much looking forward to leading the Trust, and with his significant experience of special schools he will be able to take the Trust to new heights.

It has been an honour to lead this Trust and to do my best to ensure that every young person who is part of our community has the opportunity to shine in whatever way is right for them. I have been privileged to have such wonderful staff around me who are able to see potential in every child and who are able to give them the confidence to try new things, persevere with difficult things, and become the wonderful people they are. I will miss being a tiny part of that.

I wish all of your children a very happy future with every opportunity to feel that they belong, thrive, and achieve as they move on through school and onto life after they leave us.

I leave this role with such lovely memories of all the amazing things I have seen and the inspiring people I have met in our schools. With less than two weeks to go, I am going to take every opportunity to celebrate our young people.

Thank you for entrusting them to our care.

Best wishes

Ruth

Ruth Sturdy

CEO, SEAX Trust (for a few more short weeks!)

