

SOUTHEND EAST COMMUNITY ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents/Carers

If you haven't seen already, you will shortly see, a letter from the Chair of the Trust informing you about the Trust's direction going forward.

I took the position of CEO of SECAT in September 2018 knowing that it would likely be my last fulltime role, having been in education since 1987. Having seen the Trust grow in so many ways, I have now made the decision to retire at Christmas. This was not an easy decision. I wanted to ensure that the Trust was in the best possible place before announcing my retirement and delayed this by a term to accommodate that.

I have welcomed the challenges that the role has offered me but most importantly, celebrate the massive strides we have taken as a Trust to benefit the children in our care. I have absolutely loved my four years, through all the many ups and downs. I have especially valued the relationships I have developed with the family of people we have in SECAT. That includes the children, staff, governors, trustees, and parents. I will certainly miss you all.

Along with the Trust Board, I have had the privilege of appointing most of our leaders in our schools and our central team. It is therefore, with immense pride and confidence that I hand over - at the wish and following determination and due process from the full Trust Board - to Ben Stickley as CEO and Debbie Trumble as Chief Operating Officer. Continuity and stability are key. As the Trust moves forward, I am delighted that the commitment to the vision, ethos, and direction will remain.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the commitment, dedication, and passion you have all shared with me for SECAT. Its challenges are many but equally, its rewards are immense. I am extremely proud of all we have achieved, and it is in no small way made possible by you all.

Kind Regards

Ruth Brock

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