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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are delighted to announce that the merger between the Four Stones Multi Academy Trust and Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust was completed on 1st November 2025 and that the following schools are now part of Four Stones Gateway Trust:

- Clee Hill Community Academy
- Cleobury Mortimer Primary School
- Haybridge High School and Sixth Form
- King Charles I School
- Lacon Childe School
- Stottesdon CofE Primary School
- TDMS (The De Montfort School)

The Trust is also a significant provider of primary and secondary teacher education and development. We are an accredited Initial Teacher Training provider with 140 trainee teachers currently part of the Haybridge SCITT. We provide professional development programmes, specifically for Sandwell and Dudley, but also in the wider West Midlands region through the Haybridge Teaching School Hub and support teacher expertise in maths through the work of the SHaW (Shropshire, Herefordshire and Wolverhampton) Maths Hub.

A Trust is a legal entity that operates a group of schools under a single board of Trustees. These schools are part of a collaboration to raise educational standards and share resources, with the Trust governing their overall management and performance. Key information about the Trust, including our Trust-wide policies and profiles of key personnel and Trustees, can be found on our website: www.fourstonesgateway.org.uk

Trustees and Leaders have agreed the following mission statement for our new Trust:

Four Stones Gateway Trust is a family of like-minded schools that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other. Our students deserve the best and we do this most effectively by working together.

We look forward to working with everyone, including parents/carers, to deliver the best possible educational provision for the 4365 students in our schools. We have 560 staff who we know will do their very best to *provide mutual support, share good practice and learn from each other*, so that we can truly be ‘achieving together’.





In our consultation, we promised that school life will remain relatively unchanged, even though the merger is a new chapter that will bring opportunities across our schools. We remain committed to this promise but also to supporting all our schools to continue to improve, both individually and together, as a larger collaborative. We want to assure parents/carers that school and Trust leaders will always endeavour to make decisions with children, young people and the different communities we serve at the heart of our thinking.

For parents/carers, channels of contact with schools remain the same, however if you have any feedback or queries on the work of the Trust, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Pollard
Chief Executive Officer

