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# OWLS Academy Trust

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## About Our Trust

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The OWLS Academy Trust was established in 2013 in order to create a foundation for the improvement and enhancement of educational provision. Centred around our 'outstanding' practices, we have a strong track record of academic excellence, coupled with a clear focus of providing a holistic education which develops young people socially, emotionally and spiritually. Since the foundation of the Multi Academy Trust we have had the main priority of investing in the lives of young people from their early experiences of schooling in nursery, through to their onward steps within education.

At the time of its creation, the trust comprised of 2 schools, but we have grown steadily since then, reaching the current eight schools in 2023:

- 2013 - Glenmere Primary School
- 2013 - Langmoor Primary School
- 2015 - Little Hill Primary School
- 2016 - Fernvale Primary School
- 2017 - Hinckley Parks Primary School
- 2019 - New Lubbethorpe Primary School
- 2022 - Ravenhurst Primary School
- 2023 - Hollycroft Primary School

Hollycroft Primary School will open in September 2023 and we are looking forward to developing the school within our Trust and working to establish it at the heart of the new community, which will be growing up around it.

Led by Peter Merry, our CEO and a National Leader of Education (NLE) with "Outstanding" experience in school leadership, our head teachers operate in an atmosphere of trust, honesty, integrity and an unwavering commitment to excellence for our children. We firmly believe there should be "no excuses or barriers" in education and are passionate about the difference education can make to children's lives.

All of our academies are located locally within Leicestershire, enabling close collaboration and cooperation and providing opportunities for staff from across the Trust to support and learn from each other. This synergetic relationship of our academies has developed from a desire to improve outcomes for children whilst driving efficiencies and gaining better value for money.

In the summer of 2015, Glenmere Primary School were rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, joining Langmoor with this rating. Fernvale, Little Hill and Hinckley Parks primary schools are currently rated 'Good' and striving for 'Outstanding' status.



## Our Vision and Ethos

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The Trust believes in excellence as a birth right and that all children, regardless of circumstance, have an entitlement to a world class education.

Our aim is simple: To provide a range of educational experiences that are challenging, equitable, enjoyable and are able to break down any barriers so that all can succeed. This involves seeking to create life-long learners and offer outstanding provision for our pupils with a core commitment to ensuring academic excellence for all of our community alongside holistic development – the development of the whole child with the skills and attributes needed to flourish throughout their lives. We want all children to excel from whatever their starting point, believing this can be achieved by excellent teaching, personalised learning, supportive pastoral care and strong links with parents.

All of our schools work closely together to share expertise and resources in order to provide continuous high quality education for our children.

Our children benefit from strong and effective partnership working between the schools which ensures a vibrant and cohesive learning journey for all our pupils, and from our positive links with the local community and beyond.



## **Future Plans**

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In the coming years we will be looking to continue to grow our Trust until we have a maximum of 10 to 12 schools. Although all of our current schools are primary schools, we are not restricting future membership of the Trust to the primary age range. Whilst acknowledging that there are some distinct differences between the challenges faced by primary and secondary schools, there are also commonalities and opportunities where working collaboratively can benefit educational outcomes across all phases.