

Welcome aboard



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Hello, I'm very much looking forward to working with you and we should get together as soon as possible to talk things through. Let me know when would work for you next week.

We obviously need to get things ready for the next board meeting which is getting close and you should be able to work out from the governance folder what the next agenda should be covering. But before I forget, as well as usual items I'd like some time to looking at these areas

- Growth of IMAT + Trust name change
- IMAT members (as opposed to trustees)
- Trust board evaluation

Our board meetings always tend to spill over and take longer than planned even though we have the required six meetings a year so it may be difficult to find the time but let's try.

In terms of growth then our CEO Sunil is keen for us to look at growing the trust and has a couple of schools in mind. It is something that's been on the back burner for some time and it's been mentioned a few times in board meetings but nothing more than that – we don't really know what expectations are here and whether we would be likely to get DfE support. Sunil has also said he thinks we need to reposition the trust and has suggested we may want to change the name of the trust – I'm not sure it's such a good idea but let's see what others think.

I've included something on the members because our newer member has been appointed and he seems to be putting ideas into the other members' heads. He is even insisting that I attend an AGM this year. We seem to have been getting on fine before and but now there's talk about checking on how we're doing as board – we haven't felt the need to formally review things since I became chair and but Sunil said last week that DfE have recently raised some issues.

Anyway that's enough background for now. I'm looking forward to working with you and hearing your views and ideas. You'll get a better idea of the trust and its governance and where we are by looking at the governance stuff in the folder and I'll try to deal with any questions you might have when we meet.

Before I forget there is another item for the agenda – the CEO has proposed that trust is buy some all-weather surfacing for both academies. Phil Jones one of our trustees put him in touch with a company (I think it's his ex-wife's company) who is doing us a bit of a favour but its quite a big investment – around £60,000 so we need time to review it before we make a decision.

All the best

Tony

Anthony Smith, Chair of Trustees

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