# ACE Derbyshire

# What is a Multi-Academy Trust ( MAT) ?

**What is an academy?**

An academy is an all-ability school that is directly funded by central government and independent of direct control by local authority. Academies are inspected by Ofsted under the same framework as maintained schools. Academies are self-governing.

**What is a Multi-Academy Trust?**

A Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) is a charitable company limited by guarantee which is formed to oversee a group of schools who are academies. The MAT is the employer of staff and holds the land and buildings of each academy in trust.

# ACE Derbyshire - Vision

## Our Vision

**To create exceptional schools serving their local communities within a Christian framework**

## Our Mission

**Aspiration, Collaboration, Excellence**

**- Working Together to Achieve More**

# ACE Derbyshire – values

Integrity - We aim that every member of our family behaves with integrity, that we ‘do the right thing when nobody is watching.’ To have integrity you have to be committed, courageous, honest, disciplined and resilient.

Dignity and respect - Dignity and respect are key values to us and are inherent in everything that our schools stand for. We nurture God's world, the environment and respect each other’s right to an education. We encourage generous acts of kindness, inspiring all to respect and serve others first. We respect one another's differences and choices and we support each other with equity and without discrimination.

Happiness - Achieving happiness for children is the key driver in our collaboration. Like every family we want our children to feel safe secure and happy.  We know that children are most likely to achieve their full potential within a supportive culture of laughter and learning

Hope and aspiration - We have hope for every child and member of staff to fulfil their potential and achieve positive outcomes. Aspiration to ‘be the best we can be' is a mantra that underpins everything we hope for, for every member of our family. Our focus is relentlessly placed on ‘whatever it takes’ to make a difference to a child. We nurture ambition for all members of our family to have aspirational goals, and we seek to support each individual with whatever they need to realise this success.

# ACE Derbyshire – benefits to our children

- Wider opportunities for our children
- Wider experiences that are unaffordable at present
- ACE Derbyshire Award
- Collaboration across small schools to support opportunities and transition

- Sharing staff expertise across schools
- In house services  (SEND, EP support, family support workers, nurture)
- Staff CPD and wellbeing – staff being fresh to deliver exciting lessons for our children

# Church and community schools

Continue to work in partnership

The character of each type of school is protected

The values are values that work for both church and community schools

Religious education continue to be taught as the Derbyshire Agreed Syllabus - a legal requirement for ALL schools

Collective workshop is still led via the 1988 Education Reform Act - a legal requirement for ALL schools

Diocese keen that community schools understand that there is **no intention** to turn them into church schools.

# Key People

## Nicola Foulds

Accounting Officer/Trust Lead

**What is the role of the MAT Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?**
They are the Accounting officer for the trust and the strategic support for schools. The CEO is the key contact for the Regional Schools Commissioner and the DfE and acts as the point of first contact to ensure schools are not distracted from their core purpose of teaching and learning.

## Paula Chisholm

Deputy Trust Lead/School Improvement Lead

**What is the role of the Deputy Trust Lead?**
To work jointly with the TRust Leader focussing on School Improvement for all schools within the trust.

**What is the role of the CFO?**
The Chief Financial Officer (CFO), oversees and manages the finances of the trust and supports the financial management of individual schools.

## Ann Duffy

CFO