



31st January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to you today to let you know that tomorrow South Dartmoor Community College (SDCC) will transfer from South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (SDMAT) and join Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST).

You will recall that the Head Teacher Board of the Office of the Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West (RSC SW) at the Department for Education (DfE) selected WeST to be the new sponsor of your school. Tomorrow, following the successful completion of the usual due diligence process, WeST will become the sponsor of South Dartmoor Community College (SDCC).

Three other schools, Buckfastleigh Primary School, Ashburton Primary School and Atrium Studio School will also transfer to Westcountry Schools Trust. The three remaining schools in SDMAT will join The Link Academy Trust.

Westcountry Schools Trust is a strong, successful trust currently made up of 18 schools of which five are secondary and 13 are primary. It will be an excellent sponsor as it is a very well-run Trust that has the same ethos as your school – I hope you agree that this is an excellent solution with real potential to support the school on its ongoing journey of improvement.

You have of course already had the opportunity to meet with the Trust's leaders to hear their vision for the new partnership. They are very much looking forward to getting started, to working with you, and to ensuring a smooth transition.

We are very excited about the start of this new chapter in the story of South Dartmoor Community College (SDCC) and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support throughout this period.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Barry
Interim Chief Executive Officer
South Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

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