

## Words from CEO

### Cidari Connect - Working with external partners

Liz Agbettoh, CEO and newly appointed Head of Finance, Sally Little attended an event hosted by the Education Funding Agency, 'Finance Health and Efficiency for Academy Trusts'.

Vicky Beer, Regional Schools' Commissioner opened the event and identified 3 key principles that are applicable to Multi Academy Trusts and schools, they are

- Improving the 100 weakest Academies in the country.

- people and Leadership
- Practice and Systems
- Governance and Accountability

### Cidari Connect - Worshipping together

In response to feedback from Headteachers the Cidari family of schools' Eucharist has been rescheduled. It will now take place either on the morning of

Tuesday, 26th April or Thursday, 28th April at Blackburn Cathedral. Further details will be forthcoming once we've received confirmation from the Cathedral office.

### Cidari Connect - A growing family



Sally Little, new Head of Finance joins the Cidari Central Team on Monday 14th March. Sally is really looking forward to working with everyone and will be visiting all schools during her second week.

Congratulations to Graham Ball who takes up his position as English Lead for Key Stage 2 at Darwen St Barnabas' Primary School – A Church of England Academy from the 25th April. Graham is currently working at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School. We are looking forward to welcoming into the Cidari family.

### Cidari Connect - May all be one

I spent a truly uplifting morning with children and staff at St James' Cidari family Collective Worship.

It was wonderful to see the relationship between teachers and children and the enthusiasm and engagement of all.

I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome.

## Academy Improvement

TES article (8th March 2016) - DfE seeks to reassure teachers with "clarification" of controversial new primary assessments.

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/dfе-seeks-reassure-teachers-clarification-controversial-new-primary>

### DFE Briefing

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clarification-key-stage-1-and-2-teacher-assessment-and-moderation-guidance>

Schools Minister Nick Gibb sets out the government's reforms to transform life chances through education.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/schools-as-the-engines-of-social-mobility>

DfE Consultation on future school funding model post 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fairer-school-funding-plan-revealed>

The consultation closes on the 17th of April 2016 at 5.00pm and the direct link to the document is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/schools-national-funding-formula>