



**Kings Moat**  
Community  
Primary School

12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Kings Moat Community,

As we begin the year in which our new school opens, I am delighted to share an update on the development of Kings Moat Community Primary School.

When we open our doors, we will welcome children into Preschool, Reception, and Years 1 and 2, and we are looking forward to growing a school that truly sits at the heart of the Kings Moat Garden Village community.

### **Our vision: Belong, Believe, Achieve**

*At Kings Moat Community Primary School, we will create a warm and inclusive community where every child feels they **belong**. We will celebrate diversity, kindness and respect, ensuring that everyone is valued and supported. We will inspire our children to **believe** in themselves, nurturing curiosity, confidence and a love of learning. Through encouragement and high expectations, we will empower each child to **achieve** their best - academically, socially and emotionally.*

### **Connecting with our community**

Over the past year, it has been a real pleasure to meet so many families and local residents. Our launch events in June were very well attended, and it was wonderful to share our plans, answer questions and begin building relationships.

At the end of August, Andrew Davies, Sandstone Trust Primary Lead, and I attended the community's first summer fete. Organised by the Residents' Association, this was a truly fantastic event where we felt incredibly welcomed and had the chance to meet residents, the Lord Mayor, local councillors and members of the Residents' Association. We are very much looking forward to being involved in many more community events in the future.

In October, we met with prospective Reception parents, which was a lovely opportunity to start getting to know families who may be joining us in our very first year.

### **Our new school is taking shape**

Behind the scenes, the Sandstone Trust is working closely with the local authority to ensure everything is ready for our opening. The school building is progressing well, and we enjoy visiting regularly to see the developments.

Our school grounds are coming along, with our school field and outdoor space, including multi-use games area and forest school, beginning to take shape. We are also delighted to have Moat Park on our doorstep, creating a lovely environment surrounding our school and providing another fantastic resource for our children.

We are busy designing classrooms, ordering furniture and resources, and planning an exciting curriculum, alongside completing the many statutory tasks involved in opening a new school. Our school logo and uniform have been created, and we thank those who completed the consultation for their input.

### Growing our team

We have now begun our recruitment journey. The advert for our first Reception teacher is currently live, and we have been overwhelmed by the interest shown. We are seeking an experienced and passionate teacher who is excited to become a founding member of our team - a unique opportunity to help shape our brand new school from the very beginning. Following this process, recruitment for other school roles will be taking place. All vacancies and application links will be shared on our Facebook page.

We are also pleased to share that the Trust has appointed our Chair of Governors, Susan Walters. I feel extremely fortunate to be working alongside Susan as we prepare to open the school. She brings a wealth of experience in education, including headship and Trust CEO roles, consultancy leadership and school improvement - her expertise will be invaluable as we move forward.

Over the coming months, we will be looking to form our governing body. If anyone is interested in applying to become a member, please keep a look out for further information.

### Applying for a school place

If you are considering Kings Moat Community Primary School for your Reception child, the application process is open until 15<sup>th</sup> January. Applications should be made through Cheshire West and Chester School Admissions. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact me using the address below.

We are looking forward to meeting parents and carers of Preschool, Year 1 and 2 children when we hold information evenings in the coming months. We will be sharing details of how to apply for these places. Dates for these will be shared on our Facebook page.

Ahead of these talks, we will be sending out:

- A survey to gauge interest in Preschool, Year 1 and 2 places
- A survey to understand demand for wraparound care, which will be available from 7:30am to 6:00pm each day

Thank you for your continued interest and enthusiasm - it is truly appreciated. I will share more updates with you soon.

Warmest regards,

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