

# LeAF Studio

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Dear Parent / Carer

As interim Chief Executive Officer of Ambitions Academies Trust (AAT) and Executive Principal of LeAF Academy it gives us great pleasure to announce that the schools within the LeAF are joining the family of AAT academies.

AAT has an impressive track record of improving schools in nursery, primary, secondary and special. We are therefore very pleased to be tasked with ensuring the future success of Elm Academy, Oak Academy and LeAF Studio.

AAT has been working with your schools since last July on a consultancy basis and we have already seen improvements made – improvements that have received official endorsements from both Ofsted and the Regional Schools Commissioner.

Oak Academy requires further improvement and Elm Academy needs to improve its academic results, of which we are already on the way to achieving.

An Ofsted monitoring visit to Oak last November declared that effective action was being taken to tackle the need for improvement and expectations had been raised significantly.

Meanwhile Elm Academy received encouraging feedback from an education expert, who visited the school last term. The Regional Schools Commissioner said Elm's collaboration with AAT has already had a positive impact and was likely to contribute to rapid improvements.

LeAF Studio is a flagship school for the region and is producing excellent sporting results and success in the world of performance. It was also the joint second best academic performing Studio school in England. We will ensure this success continues and we aim to make it the best academic performing Studio school in England.

We provide strong support to all our academies and guiding the future success of Elm, Oak and LeAF is a priority.

We look forward to working with our parents as well as staff and governors at Elm and Oak academies and LeAF Studio to ensure high aspirations and high achievements for your children.

I appreciate that any change can feel unsettling but let me reassure you that AAT is tremendously excited about taking forward Elm, Oak and Studio and leading your children into a brighter, more successful future.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Principal of your child's school.

Yours sincerely

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