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**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PETER MAXWELL (CHAIR OF TRUSTEES) & ANDREW READ
(GROUP CEO AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF ELY)**

Following the promotion of the current CEO Andrew Read, to overarching Group CEO of the Ely Education Trust (DEET) (the arms-length parent body of DEMAT), we are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Adrian Ball as the new CEO of DEMAT.

Adrian joins us from the *Inspiration Trust*, following a highly successful six-year career as Chief Operating Officer, Principal and senior team member under the inspirational leadership of Dame Rachel de Souza, with whom he has worked for over a decade. Adrian has a proven track record, having served the trust since its inception under the founder and previous Chairmanship of Lord Agnew, current Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System. Adrian thus brings extensive experience to the trust from another successful East Anglian multi-academy trust.

Andrew will also remain as the Bishop's appointed Diocesan Director of Education. In both roles he will continue, on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE), to provide overall strategic leadership of the broad and varied diocesan education portfolio. The CEO reports to and is supported by, a committed group of trustees including the Group CEO/DDE.

Adrian stated that "it is a great privilege to be asked to lead DEMAT as it enters the next stage of its development. I am grateful to Andrew for the successes he and his team have achieved which provides a solid foundation for the next steps. I am looking forward to meeting and working with the committed staff across the DEMAT schools as I am confident that together we can provide an excellent education for every one of our pupils and establish DEMAT as the leading diocesan multi-academy trust in the country."

Andrew stated that "Since inception and supported by the hard work of trustees, executive directors, headteachers, governors, all school staff and the pupils, DEMAT has become a large and successful trust, sponsoring, improving and bringing numerous schools out of special measures, and attracting and sustaining self-converting good and outstanding schools. I am therefore delighted that Adrian will be joining us as our new CEO, to continue this success story. DEMAT is a critical component of the multi-faceted diocesan commitment to our church schools, and as Group CEO I and all trustees will be giving Adrian our full support to take the trust into the next phase of consolidation and development, shaped by his own ambition, vision and extensive experience."

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline McCamphill, Executive Director on 07811 112274 or email at Jacqueline.mccamphill@demat.org.uk in the first instance.

Notes: *By December 2019 the trust will have 40 primary schools serving 8,000 children in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, West Norfolk and Suffolk, and a combined turnover in excess of £30M and a committed staff of circa 1,200. The trust's academies are not Faith schools, but Community Schools with distinctively Christian values, serving those of all faiths and none - each with a long-standing (160+ year) history as an important local hub within their urban, town or rural locality. The new CEO has a focused remit to further this success, consolidating and protecting the educational outcomes, operational integrity, sustainability and resilience of the MAT.*