

## PEAK EDGE ACADEMY TRUST













# WORKING TOGETHER TO SECURE FUNDING - TO MAKE SCHOOL DAYS EVEN BETTER!

Trust Update #2: **April 2021** 



### AMBITION - Making savings, maintaining quality and reinvesting in our schools

There are many regular costs across the Trust. By negotiating new contracts we have made big savings in areas such as IT, human resources, payroll and insurance. We have also saved a substantial amount across the Trust in catering costs and not only is the food provided exactly the same, but the caterers are also improving meal provision at every school. Every penny saved leaves us with more to use to support education in the classroom.



#### **INNOVATION - New eco classroom**

Bradfield Dungworth has built a new £50k Eco Classroom facility (pictured below) after parents in the community successfully raised funds to support the project. Its sustainable features also mean it is environmentally friendly. This has provided much needed space to accommodate additional Reception children to enable siblings to attend the same school.



In our last update we told you about all the great work that the teachers across the Trust do to support and learn from each other. We also reinvest

#### the money we save into training delivered by external experts in their field such as David Bartram OBE, who reviewed each school's SEND provision and provided developmental support and feedback.



#### COLLABORATION - Bidding for funding together, and if you don't succeed try again!

Academies are able to bid for funding to improve the school buildings and carry out essential repairs. Peak Edge's success rate in 2020 was higher than the national average, securing a total of £3.7 million for five of the six schools which has been spent on essential maintenance like repairing roofing, new heating systems and window replacements.



### **RESPONSIBILITY - Showing kindness to our community**

Peak Edge's Chief Finance Officer is responsible for much of this excellent management of our money and has still found time to coordinate 'Bags of Kindness'. The Trust has distributed more than 100 of the mini hampers to families because our communities matter to us. The 'Bags of Kindness' are just that.

#### **OUR VALUES ARE**

Trust | Collaboration | Ambition | Responsibility | Innovation

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