

## **The Founding of The Loriners Multi Academy Trust (The LMAT)**

### **A legacy of providing a great start for all children!**

The LMAT has a wonderful foundation, built on trust, experience and vision and was established through a collective desire for the continued partnership of our schools and to invite other like-minded schools to join us!

Our **logo**, which epitomises the roots of our MAT in Walsall and the Black Country and celebrates the relationships across all Black Country trades. The historical trades of **lorinary, saddle-making, chain-making** etc. all celebrate the important **links that are forged** and the power of **Collaboration, Connections and Commitment**, working together to be **Stronger Together**.

When **Mrs Brett Westwood**, Principal of the Infant Academy, announced her intention to retire in 2022, after a number of decades at the school, the Governing Bodies of both Park Hall Infant Academy and Park Hall Junior Academy, led at that time by **Mr Gerry Deakin and Mrs Dawn Hendon**, expressed their desire for the schools to continue in partnership.

Head Teachers of both infant and junior schools agreed!

Accordingly, in 2022, **Mrs Healy became CEO and Executive Head Teacher** across the infant and junior academies, and former Deputy Head Teachers, **Mrs Amos and Mrs Hand became Heads of Schools** for the junior and infant academies respectively.

**Mrs Gerry Healy**, has been at the school since 1995 and has been Head Teacher designate and in practice since 2006. Moving to CEO of the MAT and Executive Head Teacher of both academies ensured that the schools could continue together in the future.

In addition, **Mrs Caroline Gilbert**, Finance Director, also had a long association with both schools and provided important insight into how the financial elements of forming the MAT would provide sustainability for the future. Mrs Gilbert retired in 2025.

The LMAT has continued to thrive and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership for many more years to come!