



FORRES SANDLE MANOR

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We are pleased to write to inform you, following our announcement in November, that the School's formal completion of transfer to Forres Sandle Manor Limited has now taken place. This positions FSM on an extremely firm financial footing and provides an exciting future for all involved with the School.

We are very much aware that a school is only as good as the community that forms it. As a result, we are keen to engage with all key stakeholders as we move to ensure that the School flourishes once again. The independent school sector is likely to endure difficult times nationally, as well as locally, for a while yet. Therefore, we are pleased to have moved ahead of a number of our competitors in providing a secure base from which to build upon all that is good about the School to make it even better.

Initially it will be business as usual as the school navigates its way through these Covid times. However, we will start to develop a Development plan, working closely with the incoming Head Mike Stanley, to allow the School to more fully engage with its beautiful surroundings and make the most of the majestic main School building. We will of course have you and your children at the forefront of our thinking as we plan to make changes and will keep you up-to-date as things progress.

Following the completion of this transaction, the Governors will become an advisory panel, intended to support the new proprietor with the long-term strategic direction of the School and to continue to be its 'critical friend'. The Educational Trust will continue to support the School through the provision of bursaries and contributions to Capital Works.

An exciting future awaits with our children at the heart of it as we prepare FSM to thrive in the twenty-first century.

Peter Williams OBE
Chair of Governors
Forres Sandle Manor Educational Trust

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CEO and Director
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