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LAAT CENTRAL FUNDING

The money for each school comes to LAAT from the government through the ESFA. LAAT then provides each school with the money it needs to operate, as well as purchasing an increasing number of things centrally for all schools in order to drive down costs and improve provision. This central purchasing improves services to schools as well as saving money which can then be redeployed across the schools.

Prior to joining LAAT each school would have paid a significant amount to the Local Authority whose services were reducing year on year.

SOME OF THE THINGS WHICH LAAT PROVIDES YOUR SCHOOL ARE LISTED BELOW:

- **Funding for capital projects** across all schools. This includes new heating systems, roofs, windows, playgrounds, decoration and fire alarms.
- An **Estates Manager** to manage these projects and oversee buildings compliance, ensuring that our schools are safe and healthy places for learning
- **IT support services, licensing and funding for new devices for pupils and staff**
- **CPOMS** – a safeguarding system to keep your children safe
- **Finance expertise** - to ensure that your school is financially sustainable and resources are focused on frontline teaching
- **Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for all staff** – a comprehensive suite of training and network events including regular network meetings and training for subject leaders across a wide range of subjects, not only English and Maths, to ensure that your children get the very best teaching.
- **Unlimited education support** – which includes access to 3 Education Development Advisers, a Trust Headteacher to provide additional support as required and a number of associate advisers and subject leads to support your schools
- **Access to the English hub** – An organisation which provides CPD, reading audits, etc
- An **External Maths specialist** to support in schools as needed
- **HR support** which enables us to work with your school leaders to appoint and retain the very best staff.
- **Governance services** to ensure that decision-making is transparent, fair and legally compliant
- **Full business and operations support** to enable your headteacher to concentrate on leading teaching and learning.
- **Procurement of back-office services** including computer systems, waste contracts, insurances, photocopiers
- **Membership of the Diocesan SLA** to protect and develop the church foundation of the school and give access to CPD around RE, Collective Worship and Church school vision.
- **Health and Safety advice and guidance** to ensure robust processes **to keep children and adults safe**

You will appreciate that this huge amount of support has a positive impact on the experience for your children. We believe in equity – every child in the Trust receiving what they need no matter which school they attend. And we manage our finances in a way that allows this to happen.

I hope that this has enabled you to understand the benefits that belonging to a trust brings to your school and, I know that you will continue to work with your school leaders to make sure that your school remains the special place it has always been.