



# Mrs. S. Darbyshire

## Trustee

### About

○ Sue is currently the CEO/Executive Headteacher of Community First Academy Trust based in the North West of England. As a National Leader of Education Sue supports school improvement in the local area and further afield. Sue started teaching in 1993 after a short career in retail training and development. For over 20 years she has been in leadership positions within education including, Key Stage Leader, Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher.

○ In 2014 Sue founded Westbridge Teaching School Alliance which has transformed into Kingsbridge Institute of Learning and in 2015 Kingsbridge Initial Teacher Education migrated into the Trust. Kingsbridge is a good provider of teacher training for both primary and secondary trainees which has been successful in the current re accreditation process. Sue's commitment is to providing all pupils, staff and trainee teachers with opportunities to excel. In 2005/6 Sue successfully closed two failing schools and amalgamated the staff into one new primary school.

○ Within twelve months the school was judged to be Good by Ofsted and was judged Outstanding in its following inspection. Sue's specialist area of support is supporting schools in disadvantaged areas. Sue is a Member of Zest Academy Trust in a deprived area of Blackpool and a Member of ATC Trust based in Blackburn and Blackpool. Sue continues to work with Wigan Local Authority at a strategic advisory level, serving on the Children and Young People Strategic Alliance, Wigan Education Partnership Board, System Leadership Group, Start Well Partnership Board and as a School Improvement Lead on the School Improvement Board.

