

Mowbray Matters



WELCOME FROM THE CEO

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Chief Executive Officer of the Mowbray Education Trust, a role I was proud to take up in April this year. Over the past term, I have greatly enjoyed visiting our schools, meeting pupils, staff, and families, and seeing first-hand the warmth and ambition that define our Trust community.

This summer has been a busy one, with significant investment in our buildings and infrastructure to ensure the very best learning environments for our children. From the refurbishment of the swimming pool at Iveshead School to IT upgrades across the Trust, these projects reflect our commitment to

providing high-quality facilities that support every child's success. These updates are summarised below, and we will be sharing regular updates with you from across the Trust.

As we start this academic year, our focus remains firmly on putting children first - supporting their learning, wellbeing, and growth, while continuing to create opportunities for our dedicated staff. Thank you for your ongoing support; I look forward to working closely with you all as we build on these foundations together.

Louise Lee
Chief Executive Officer



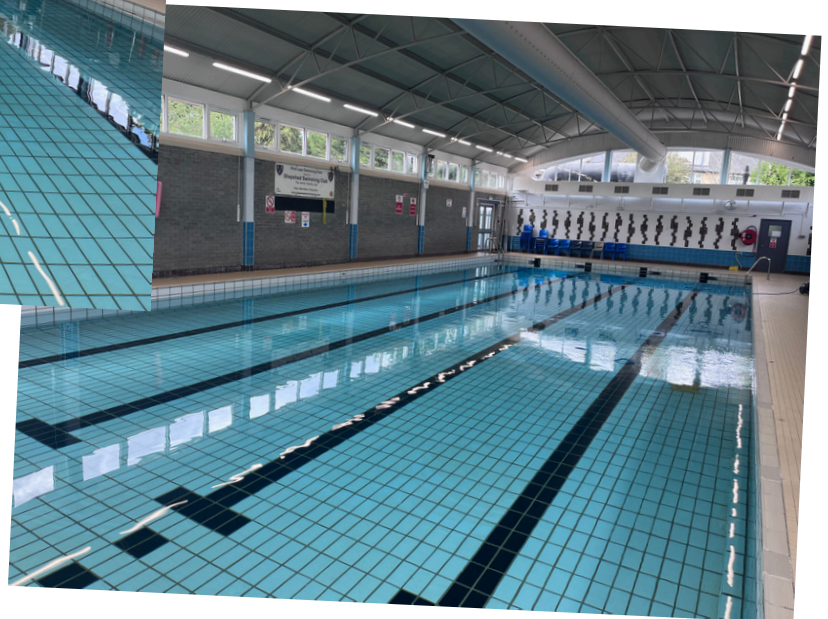
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SUMMER WORKS

IVESHEAD SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL REFURBISHMENT COMPLETION

Iveshead School welcomed the first community users to the newly refurbished swimming pool at the start of this month.



Thank you to our Estates Lead, Mike Walker, and wider central teams for their work in getting to this stage.

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ICT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Core data centre upgrades – 15 years of hardware, 24kW of constant draw and umpteen U's consolidated into a modern, hybrid 4U solution. Faster, greener, and far more cyber-resilient.
- Serverless Primary Schools – higher reliability and performance.
- Hosted Police Cyber Alarms – bolstering cyber posture with live monitoring, giving the Trust genuine peace of mind and RPA compliance.
- Trust-wide BENQ Classroom AV refresh – waving goodbye to projectors, rolling out Gen4 in secondaries and sustainably reusing Gen3 across primaries.
- IT Suite Refreshes – reliable, performance-driven and future-proofed (yes, even if OS strategies shift).

Bobby Wallace, Trust IT Lead, added:

“None of this lands without a super supportive and forward thinking line manager, a hard working and brilliant team across various departments, and a trusted supplier network – genuinely grateful to everyone who made it happen.”



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IMPORTANT UPDATE: NEW CATERING PROVIDER

We are pleased to inform you that we have started a new contract with Innovate who are our new catering provider. This change follows a thorough review and selection process to ensure we continue to offer high-quality, nutritious meals that meet the needs and expectations of our school community.

Why the Change?

We believe that every child deserves access to healthy and enjoyable meals during their school day. Our new catering provider has been selected not only for their commitment to fresh, nutritious food, but also for their exciting loyalty promotions that encourage healthy eating habits. They offer inclusive options for pupils with specific allergen or dietary requirements and will introduce themed days and special offers designed to engage and interest students. Their varied menus will ensure a wide choice of fresh, healthy meals every day.

As an added , the new provider will also be offering free porridge every morning to every student to help ensure all pupils start the day with a warm, nutritious breakfast.

What This Means for Your Child:

- **Improved Food Quality:** Meals will be freshly prepared using high-quality, locally sourced ingredients wherever possible.
- **Healthier Choices:** Menus will be balanced and designed in line with school food standards, with a strong focus on nutrition and healthy eating.
- **Pupil Voice:** The new provider will work closely with students and staff to gather regular feedback and make menu choices that children enjoy.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Initiatives to reduce food waste, use environmentally friendly packaging, and source ethically produced ingredients are central to the new contract.
- **Enhanced Systems:** An updated system for ordering and payments will make managing your child's meals simpler and more convenient - this is due to be launched for primaries only in January 2026 (more information to follow).

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Next Steps

We understand that a change in provider may come with questions, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth and positive transition. More information about menus and pricing can be found on the links below, for both Secondary and Primary Schools:

- [Primary Schools](#)
- [Secondary Schools](#)

If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact procurement@mowbrayeducation.org.

Thank you for your continued support. We're excited about the positive changes this new partnership will bring and look forward to working together to ensure the very best for our students.

Daniella Kozak
Trust Procurement and Contracts Officer

Photos from our primary sites:



*Thank you
for reading!*