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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that many of you have seen the latest secondary school league tables that showed Everest Community Academy well down the rankings. I wanted to reassure you that the school could not have joined a better multi-academy trust last September.

The latest league table for trusts has been published and shows the Bourne Education Trust ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country for its performance at key stage 2 and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the country for its performance at GCSE. There are over 1000 academy trusts in England. The school is making rapid progress and we are confident that it will continue to do so.

The following press release has been sent out today:

## **Bourne Education Trust – Surrey’s top performing trust now working in Basingstoke**

**New figures released this week by the Department for Education indicate that the Bourne Education Trust is Surrey’s top performing multi-academy trust for pupil progress across both the primary and secondary phases. It started working with Everest Community Academy in Basingstoke in September 2017.**

The Bourne Education Trust ('BET') is a Surrey based multi-academy trust made up of ten schools, across both primary and secondary phases. It is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country for progress in reading, writing and mathematics at key stage 2 and 22<sup>nd</sup> for progress at GCSE in the 2017 performance tables. The BET has shown itself to be a key player in the pursuit of pupil progress and this supports its unblemished track record of school improvement across all the schools in the Trust.

BET Chief Executive, Alex Russell, said: "I am so proud of the staff and pupils in our schools; they have achieved magnificently well and it confirms that our ethos 'transforming schools ... changing lives' really is at the heart of what we do. This could not be achieved without highly skilled and dedicated staff, governors and trustees and a pupil body that is characterised by high aspirations and a love of learning. Congratulations to everyone."

Yours sincerely



**Alex Russell**  
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