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Dear parents and carers

We understand that the last few weeks have been a period of considerable uncertainty for your child's school. However, we are delighted that OGAT have now been identified as a preferred sponsor for your academy and are very much looking forward to the opportunity to work with you, your children and the staff and governors.

As a long established and high performing local Trust, we focus our resources on accelerating improvements in outcomes for children and have a whole range of expertise and experience at our disposal that we will offer to support your school. We understand that you now require certainty and in the next few weeks we will work with the Department for Education (DfE) and your school to ensure we can provide this.

However, there will now be an opportunity for interested parties to share their views before a final decision about the new trust for your child's school is taken by the Regional Schools Commissioner, Vicky Beer. I would like to assure you that this is an important period of time for us all to determine that together we can provide the support that your child and the school deserves and that the DfE can be satisfied that we are the right sponsor. For our part, we will ensure that you will see no unnecessary disruption to the school or your child's learning throughout this process.

As soon as the Regional Schools Commissioner makes a final decision I will arrange with your school an opportunity for us to meet with you. At this meeting there will be an open forum with the opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about going forward and for us to share our Trust's vision and values. I hope as many of you as possible can attend.

Yours faithfully



Martyn Oliver
Chief Executive Officer