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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child/children are enjoying school. I am writing to inform you about an important development that will impact on the trust and the wider educational community in which we belong.

As you will be aware your child's school is part of a multi-academy trust which is run by a board of non-executive directors. They have made the exciting decision to merge with another Trust. I am delighted to announce that Believe Academy Trust will be joining Willows Academy Trust from the 1st September 2023. This merger is an exciting opportunity for us to combine our strengths, resources, and expertise, in order to provide an even better learning environment for our pupils and staff.

This merger has been approved by all relevant authorities, and we are confident that it will result in benefits for our pupils, staff, and the entire school community. Over the past few months, representatives from both trusts have been working diligently to ensure a smooth transition and successful integration.

The newly formed trust will be rebranded from the 1st September as One Academy Trust the new name was chosen by staff. Pupils will be asked for their input in designing a logo.

We believe that the time is right for us to grow into a larger organisation allowing us to provide a wider array of opportunities for all children and our employees. It is my firm belief that 'scaling up' operations will provide much more scope for us to achieve our wider ambitions for all our children in terms of both the amount and variety of opportunities we can provide them.

Believe Academy Trust shares the same values we do, and we have conducted extensive due diligence when looking for an opportunity like this. Believe exceeded our hopes for a Trust we could combine with and continue our aims to provide outstanding curricular provision, deep expertise and an environment our children and employees are central to.

As parents and carers, your support and involvement are vital to the success of your child's school. We understand that you may have questions or concerns, and we are here to address them. Let me assure you that on a day to day basis you will notice no obvious differences: your child's school name remains the same, the schools uniform remains the same, we will continue to follow the Derbyshire school holiday pattern and admission arrangements.

Rest assured that our priority remains the well-being and academic success of our pupils. We are committed to minimising disruption and ensuring a seamless transition for everyone involved. The merger will not impact the current academic year, and all existing school policies, programs, and commitments will continue as planned.

We are excited about the potential this merger holds for our trust. It is an opportunity to build a stronger foundation for future success. We believe that, together, we can create an even more enriching educational experience for our children.

Thank you for your continued support and I promise you I will work tirelessly to make this merger a resounding success. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. We value your feedback and are always here to assist you.

Kind regards
Mrs J. Haigh (CEO)
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