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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, following the school's Ofsted inspection early this year, we are required to join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). I am very pleased to inform you we will be joining the Godmanchester Community Education Trust, hopefully by the end of March 2018.

This should be viewed as a positive move that will bring many benefits to the school, while maintaining our place at the heart of the local community. Being part of a MAT will allow good practice to be shared and will give senior leaders time and flexibility to focus on the needs of the children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Starling and the whole school team for all their hard work since the inspection to ensure the school has now been deemed 'effective' with regard to safeguarding, following a further HMI visit.

Following the period of uncertainty we have just been through, I am sure the school will now move forward and continue to provide a positive learning experience for all its pupils.

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am Rod Warsap, Executive Headteacher of the Godmanchester Community Education Trust (GCET). We are a small MAT currently consisting of two primary schools. Having visited your great school and met your wonderful children, I am delighted that Gorefield will be joining our Trust.

GCET is committed to supporting primary schools such as Gorefield that have a strong community focus. Obviously, I expect there to be a certain amount of apprehension amongst the school community regarding what it means for a school when it joins a Multi Academy Trust. I would like to reassure you that, other than providing strong support to the school to enable it to offer the best possible experience for the children and their families, Gorefield will retain the strong sense of individual identity it has always possessed.

I am very excited about working with Gorefield and I will be available to meet with parents and provide further information on the MAT in the near future.

Sally Bruce
Chair of Governors

Rod Warsap
Executive head

