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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone across our Trust, to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

This year has been one of tremendous achievement, growth and dedication across all of our schools. Every day, our pupils have demonstrated resilience, determination and a willingness to embrace new opportunities. Whether through academic success, sporting achievements, creative performances, community projects or personal milestones, there is much for us all to celebrate.

None of this would have been possible without the commitment of our talented staff, trustees and, most importantly, the support you provide at home. Education is most successful when schools and families work together, and we are incredibly grateful for the trust you place in us to educate and care for your children.

Throughout the year, our schools have continued to focus on delivering high-quality education, ensuring that every child is supported to achieve their potential and is prepared for the next stage of their journey. We have seen young people develop not only academically, but also as confident, responsible and compassionate individuals who make a positive contribution to their communities.

I would particularly like to congratulate those pupils who will be moving on to the next stage of their educational journey this summer. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success for the future.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I am delighted to confirm that our merger with **Impact Education Multi Academy Trust** remains on track to complete on **1 September 2026**. This is an exciting milestone and marks the beginning of a new chapter for our schools, pupils, staff and communities.

The merger brings together two organisations that share a commitment to excellence, inclusion and ambition for every child. By joining Impact Education, our schools will become part of a larger family of academies, creating even greater opportunities to share expertise, strengthen leadership, develop staff and enhance the educational experiences available to our pupils. Most importantly, this change is centred on ensuring that every child benefits from the highest quality education and support, both now and in the future.

Whilst the Trust will become larger, our commitment to our local communities remains unchanged. Children will continue to be taught by the staff they know and trust, school leadership teams will continue to lead their

schools, and the values, traditions and strengths that make each school unique will remain at the heart of everything we do. The merger is about building on success, not changing the character or identity of our schools.

From September, all of our schools will be known as academies, reflecting their place within Impact Education Multi Academy Trust. We recognise that families may have questions about what this means in practical terms, particularly regarding school names, logos and uniforms.

I would like to reassure parents that there is no expectation for families to purchase new uniforms because of the merger. Any existing uniforms displaying current school branding or logos will continue to be perfectly acceptable and may be worn for the foreseeable future. We are committed to ensuring that any future changes are managed sensitively and proportionately, with consideration given to minimising cost and inconvenience for families.

As a Trust, we are incredibly proud of what has been achieved collectively this year. The collaboration between our schools has strengthened outcomes and opportunities for children, and we look forward to building on these successes as part of Impact Education. Together, we will continue to provide an education that enables every child to thrive, succeed and fulfil their potential.

As we prepare to become part of Impact Education on 1 September, I would like to thank our families for the support, trust and commitment you continue to show our schools. Together, we are creating even greater opportunities for the children we serve, and I look forward with confidence and optimism to the future that lies ahead. For now, I hope that the summer break provides an opportunity for rest, relaxation and quality time with family and friends. Our pupils, staff and families have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and deserve the chance to recharge before the start of another exciting academic year.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school communities.

I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable and restful summer.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Thorp**  
**Chief Executive Officer**