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Dear Parents,

We wanted to give you an update as to where we are up to with converting to a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). As you will know, we got the Academy Order agreed by the Dfe (Department for Education) at the end of May last term.

Since then we have been busy working with our conversion consultant Jeff Marshall, the Dfe and the Local Authority. We have agreed with the Local Authority that the final conversion date for completion will be April 2024.

One thing you may notice from the Trust logo is that we have had to slightly alter our name for it to be accepted at Companies House.

We are now called **The Collective Community Trust**. We feel this is very appropriate as the six founding schools are all community schools – Cams Lane, Woodbank, Ribble Drive, Whitefield, Heaton Park and Butterstile.

We have been busy meeting regarding practical and strategic arrangements with the trustees, members and arranging new systems such as the financial and auditing system.

But please remember the schools will not change at ground level. We will all still keep our own identity with our own school uniforms and school logos. The children will not experience any changes to the way they are taught or their time in school.

We are very excited by becoming a trust and being able to form it from scratch and to meet our own needs.

We will continue to keep you informed as the conversion process heads towards the final date.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr P.J.Lord
Head Teacher