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Dear parents and carers,

As you know, since our previous Chief Executive stepped down in August 2023, MKET has been drawing on the experience of Mr Nelson (CEO of 5 Dimensions Trust) as our Interim Chief Executive while our Trustees considered and explored the best future options for our schools.

We are very proud of all schools within MKET, who have all achieved 'Good' Ofsted reports within the last 18-months, but each have their own strengths and challenges. As Trustees, we have now completed a thorough and robust investigation to explore the different options and are proposing the best support option is for the schools to join other experienced, established and successful local multi-academy trusts.

Our proposal is that Kents Hill School will aim to transfer into [Inspiring Futures through Learning](#) (IFtL), who also run Heronshaw. Heronsgate School and New Chapter Primary School will also be joining IFtL. Walton High will join [5 Dimensions Trust](#), which already runs the secondary schools The Hazeley Academy and Shenley Brook End School. This decision is still subject to due diligence and the final approval of the Regional Director at the DfE.

We believe both of these MATs share our vision, values and ethos, as well as having the capacity and local knowledge to ensure each school receives the support it needs. We are excited by this decision and believe it will provide the best support and opportunities for the schools, students, staff and community.

We know that with any change, there will be lots of questions that need to be clarified and answered. We will therefore be holding a parents' meeting for you to learn more about the decision. This will be held on **Tuesday 27 February at 5.30pm**. There will also be the opportunity to meet with the leaders of IFtL.

If you would like to attend, please email kentshillschool@mket.org.uk to confirm.

I hope you will be as excited as I am about the future for the schools. We will keep you updated as these proposals progress and further formal decisions are made. We hope that this process will be completed by September 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Penny Dent
Chair of Trustees