



Unity Education Trust

8 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year.

Last term we informed you of the decision to apply for the formal merger of Unity Education Trust with The Engage Multi Academy Trust. I am pleased to inform you that our merger has been successfully completed and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all colleagues, pupils and their families from The Engage Multi Academy Trust.

As of 1st January 2020, **Unity Education Trust** provides education for 3 -19-year olds across mainstream and alternative provision settings and is now comprised of the following;

Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form College

The Federation of Grove House Nursery and Infant School and Kings Park Infant School

Beeston Primary School

Garvestone Primary School

The Short Stay School for Norfolk

The Douglas Bader School

The Locksley School

Hooper Lane School

The Rosebery School

The Brooklands School

The Compass Bases

Lingwood

Pott Row

Belton

Earthsea

Alternative Provision School

The Pinetree School



We also provide education for those children who cannot presently attend their own schools due to medical needs issues.

Unity Education Trust has expanded its family of schools and education professionals. Our collaborative work over the last 16 months has ensured a measured evolution into our new formal Trust arrangements. We're welcoming outstanding teachers, subject specialists, tutors, support staff and experienced leaders with a record of transformation in education. We're also planning to enhance our support services to ensure our schools continue to be supported to deliver exceptional service to our pupils, parents, carers and the local community.

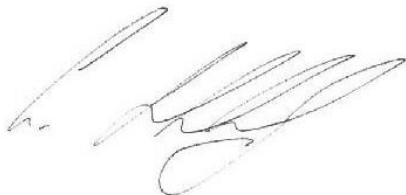
Teachers, and support staff now number 460. All of our staff share the ethos of raising aspirations, unlocking potential and securing the best possible future for the 1782 young people attending our schools.

I am delighted with the merger approval and believe the diverse education and services provided across mainstream, alternative provision and social emotional and mental health will place Unity Education Trust in a unique position and create further opportunities for supporting pupil progress, achievement and well-being and continuous professional development for all staff through effective collaboration and sharing of practice.

Although pupils and parents / carers may notice little change at their individual schools where staff, pupil uniform and the school day will remain the same, they will see, as our two Trusts consolidate, the unrelenting commitment to achieve the very best outcomes for all our pupils across all settings regardless of their starting points and circumstances.

I am excited at the opportunities this merger will bring and I look forward to seeing our new Trust go from strength to strength. I will keep you all updated on our continuing developments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glyn Hambling', written in a cursive style.

Glyn Hambling

CEO