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Dear Parent/Carer

Message from Trustees

Trustees met late on Wednesday 9 November as part of the process to determine the future of GNET Multi Academy Trust with the ultimate aim of maintaining the high levels of education for our students. Mike Potten, Chair of Netherfield Primary, was welcomed on to the GNET Board of Trustees attending his first meeting.

With the support of highly experienced independent consultants, much work has gone into considering the options available to the Trust and the associated risks of those options. These ranged from the status quo, implementing a growth strategy and merging with an existing MAT(s). Following a detailed review of the option papers and a robust discussion the decision of trustees was that merging with an existing MAT or MATs was the best way of securing our objectives of continuing to provide a good quality education for our students and seeking to improve that education. The process was started to identify several MATs which would be interested in working with GNET and provide information on meeting the standards set by the Board. These would be considered by a Panel comprising the Trustees, which includes the Chairs of both the LGBs, the Acting CEO, and the Heads of both Academies.

Trustees are committed to keeping local governors, staff and parents informed and engaged in this process. A communication was drafted following the meeting as above. However, Carlton le Willows received notification of an Ofsted inspection on Monday 14 November which deferred despatch of the communication. The inspection took place over two and a half days on 15 - 17 November. Carlton le Willows senior leaders, the chair of governors and a representative of the Trust board received the inspectors' judgement verbally. Ofsted will now draft a report of its findings which will be published within 30 working days. This could be early in the New Year. It is recognised that there is work to do and with the support of the Trust board and external professionals, Academy senior leaders are rapidly developing an action plan responding to the findings.

Ofsted immediately reports its judgement to the Department of Education. The Regional Director (formerly RSC) will be in discussion with GNET trustees over the coming weeks about the delivery of its education services.

GNET trustees, local governors and senior staff are all determined to resolve the situation we are now experiencing as quickly as possible. Further information will be communicated when available.

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