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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oasis Academy Longmeadow

I am writing to you with an important update regarding Oasis Academy Longmeadow.

Oasis Community Learning is proud to serve the families of Trowbridge through our local academy, Oasis Academy Longmeadow, since it joined our family of schools in 2013.

Over the last ten years staff, volunteers and parents have supported hundreds of children to make great progress and to flourish throughout their primary education. The academy has been on a sustained journey of improvement which was recognised by Ofsted when it was rated as 'Good' in all categories last year.

In all our work our first consideration is the children and the communities that we serve. As the school is some distance from the others in the Oasis family in the region, the opportunities for our staff team to share resources and expertise with colleagues at other academies is limited. We have therefore been exploring the advantages of the academy joining a local provider so both pupils and teachers can benefit from closer partnerships and collaborative working with neighbouring schools.

Now that the academy has a firm foundation and is providing the high-quality teaching and learning that the children deserve, we think the time is right for it to join a local provider. This has not been an easy decision, but one we have taken in the best interests of the pupils, local community, and staff. Therefore, we have asked the Department for Education to consider which local trusts might be suitable to take the school forward and enable it to continue to thrive. The Department is responsible for deciding which trust the academy should join and the timelines for this process.

Whilst the process to appoint a new trust and then transfer the school is ongoing, our priorities are to enable our pupils to make great progress and to support our staff team during this time of transition.

Please rest assured we will ensure that this news does not disrupt the day to day running of the school, and our Executive Principal Karen Sheppard and the senior leadership team continue to lead the school. All lessons and wider activities at school will continue as normal.

It is our intention to work closely with the new trust once they have been appointed so that the transfer goes as smoothly as possible. We will of course be keeping you updated on developments.

Questions

We do understand that this news may be unsettling, and therefore we want to try and answer your questions as best we can.

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We will be holding a parent briefing at 14:45 on Thursday 23rd March, otherwise you can contact Mr Chris Potter, Head of School who will try and answer any queries as best he can at this stage.

There will of course be more information to share once the new trust has been appointed, and we will be in touch again with any updates.

Thank you for your support of Oasis Academy Longmeadow and our staff team. We are so proud of everything that has been achieved at the school and we look forward to seeing the academy make even greater progress as it joins a new family of schools.

Yours sincerely,

John Murphy

CEO, Oasis Community Learning

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