



12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Families,

We stated last term that we would give you regular updates on the position with Learning Academies Trust and Horizon potentially merging. There has been full approval from both Trust Boards for Horizon to join Learning Academies Trust. The trusts are now in a position where they are finalising an application to the regional directorate. The application will be submitted at the end of this term. A decision should be made by the Regional Director later in February if they will support this merging of the trusts. As soon as we hear we will notify you of the outcome.

This will be a very positive development for the trusts. Being part of an eighteen-school trust will bring many advantages, including wider opportunities for collaboration, financial stability, economies of scale and greater school improvement capacity. This will be highly beneficial to all of the schools in LAT and Horizon.

We have already started to work together on some elements of trust developments and can see the benefits that this brings. As soon as we have more to update you on, we will be in touch. We would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy festive period.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Spry  
LAT CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Anderson".

Maria Anderson  
Horizon CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Butcher".

John Butcher  
LAT Chair of Board

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Debbie Taylor  
Horizon Chair of Board