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Dear Parents

Following a consultation in 2017, the heads and governors of Brookside Primary, Manor High, Overdale Infant, Overdale Junior and Woodland Grange are pleased to announce the impending formation of a multi academy trust. The trust, which will be known as Oak Multi Academy Trust or Oak Trust in its shortened form, will be distinctive in its truly collaborative ethos where pupils' needs are put first and there is a focus on achieving outstanding outcomes for pupils.

This is a great opportunity for a group of like-minded schools to work even more closely together with the fundamental aim of improving the quality of teaching and learning for all its pupils. With enhanced collaborative working the schools aim to widen opportunities for pupils, share expertise and provide increased opportunities for staff development.

As in other multi academy trusts, nothing in Oak Trust's plans restricts parental choice in relation to next schools. There will be no changes to school names or uniforms with most of the changes being behind the scenes.

Oak Trust has appointed a skilled, independent group of Members and Trustees (details will follow soon) who will have oversight of Oak Trust's work and hold the schools to account for their performance and progress but each school will continue to have its own governing body. The heads of the schools will make up an executive board to support Members and Trustees with Kirk Hayles, Headteacher at Woodland Grange leading this board.

We look forward to sharing further information about the creation of the Trust and its plans, in due course.

Yours faithfully

The Heads and governors of Brookside Primary, Manor High, Overdale Infant, Overdale Junior and Woodland Grange

