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Dear Parent or Carer

The Trustees and I are delighted to announce the launch of our new website:

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Since converting to an Academy in 2011, the journey for all involved has been both interesting and exciting. In 2013 the change in legal status to a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) was the start of yet another new era in the educational world for Swanland School and its stakeholders. At this time, Dunswell Academy became a member of The Trust and with it they brought a new dimension to our staffing structure, adding both strength and depth to the provision that we are able to afford all children educated within The Trust.

At the most recent meeting of The Trust, the Trustees discussed the future of our MAT in light of the Government's continuing pursuance for all children to receive the best education. They will be encouraging more schools to become academies and as such they will be looking for successful MATs, like our own, to consider taking on more schools within their trust. The Trustees are very keen that should this be right for us; we want to do it at an appropriate pace and when it is indeed the right time. Consequently, we are preparing ourselves for a time when we may want to have new schools join our Trust.

We have for some time wanted to update our school's individual websites to better reflect our schools to those who want to know more about them. As a result, we have taken the opportunity to develop these sites under the umbrella of The Trust. In considering the future, we have also taken the step to rename our trust to Swanland Education Trust. We feel that this better mirrors our structure, in that The Trust sits behind the schools within it, providing them with support.

The structures for each school within The Trust are the same. As Executive Head Teacher, I work across all schools within The Trust and each school has its own Head of School who undertakes the day-to-day running. Staff within The Trust can provide support to one and other, ensuring that we are able to provide the very best education for all children.

Additionally, we would also like to draw your attention to the 'Include Me' section of The Trust's site. Miss Evans, Trust SENDCo, along with the SEND team have been working with parents from within The Trust to develop this site for anyone who has a child with SEN or for

those parents who may have concerns about their child's development. As part of our on-going commitment to be as inclusive as possible, we have had the site designed using a font specifically designed for use by those with Dyslexia. We hope the font will help all readers to access the site more easily.

We are incredibly proud of our new site and believe that we have provided all key stakeholders who are a part of The Trust with a site that is both informative and easy to use. This is largely thanks to the wonderful support that we have received from having worked closely with Bluestorm Design, our new website designers.

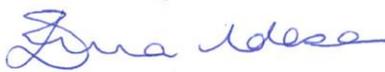
Please do take the time to have a look at our new site. Over the coming weeks and months, the site will be populated with an increasing number of pictures and information for you to enjoy and share with your family. As always we welcome your feedback and you will be able to do this by filling in the contact form on each of the school's individual sites.

As always we thank you for your continuing support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely



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