



Unity Education Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Bodies of Grove House Infant & Nursery School, Kings Park Infant School, Beeston Primary School, Garvestone Primary School, Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form College submitted an application to the Department for Education to form a multi-academy trust, 'Unity Education Trust' (UET). That application was approved and the decision was taken to convert. We are pleased to announce that on the 1st March 2017 the schools successfully converted to Academies and, at the same time, jointly formed Unity Education Trust.

Throughout this process we took account of all views of stakeholders available to us. This work has been supported through conversations with Norfolk Children's Services, the Department for Education and the Regional Schools Commissioner's office. We are profoundly grateful to all those who have taken the time to give us their input.

As a group of schools, we have a long history of working closely together and we are keen to build on this to ensure we continue to provide all our children with the very best education. One aim was, and is, central: to secure the best long-term interests of our current and future students within our family of schools and the communities we all serve.

Unity Education Trust (UET) is a Multi-Academy Trust dedicated to developing like-minded schools to be outstanding through collaborative working and a unity of purpose in all we do. The Trust will set high expectations in every aspect of our work, providing pupils with the best opportunities through outstanding teaching, the development of 21st century facilities, inspirational leadership and a growth mind-set approach.

We will ensure that each of our Academies maintain their unique identities at the heart of their communities as well as engaging with all partners and stakeholders and other high performing educational organisations.

Unity Education Trust's structure includes Members, a Board of Trustees and Local Governing Bodies for each individual Academy. Unity Education Trust Board believes the best way of improving standards in the future, while maintaining each school's ethos, philosophy and community focus, is by creating and fostering collaborative educational opportunities which demonstrate a strong 'unity of purpose' to:

- ensure the best for learners in our care
- retain our unique qualities and strengths and
- protect the role of the school at the heart of our community.



We see this conversion into UET not as a revolutionary change but as part of the continual evolution of education in our county and surrounding communities. There will be new central structures and systems to enable us to achieve our aspirations. However, for parents and pupils there will be little change to the business of day- to-day learning, but with the added impact of sharing learning, improving support for all and being a formal part of a strong community of schools.

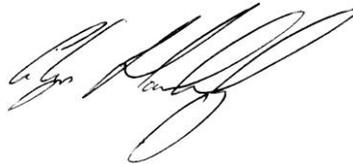
We believe that this is a very exciting time for the continued development of our schools and the greater opportunities afforded by our Unity Education Trust evolution. There can be no greater responsibility than supporting our young people as they undertake their educational journey, personal development and move from childhood to adulthood. We will provide you with regular updates and, on behalf of the Governors, Head teachers and staff of our schools, we thank you all for your continued support as we step into a new future.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mr Alan Jones in black ink.

Mr Alan Jones

Chair of Board of Trustees

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Chief Executive Officer