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Dear Families

I wrote to you at the end of January about our proposal to join United Learning, a national Multi Academy Trust, with effect from September 1st 2019. We are grateful for all the comments made by email, in the meetings with staff and families, and to those who have made contact with us individually. All of you who got in touch have received individual responses to the questions you raised. We have also consolidated all the responses received during February into a Frequently Asked Questions document which is now available on our website [FAQs](#)

In response to some requests, you will find further information on the Governance section of our website which explains our decision making process, including the minutes of meetings and other documents we have used over the last few months as we conducted our research into the options available to us. We hope these will all be helpful to those who have asked for more information about how we reached our decision, the options we considered, and the criteria we used in concluding that joining United Learning represents the best way of ensuring excellent education opportunities for the current and future students of Cambridge Academic Partnership group of schools.

At our Board meeting on 4th March, we considered all the responses received during February and reflected on the decision we had made in our January meeting. The Board unanimously ratified the proposal to join United Learning and, once we have their agreement, a submission will be made to the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) Headteacher Board in the summer term. Department for Education guidance on the process we are following is available through the following link [DfE Guidance](#). Please note that the RSC Headteacher Board will make the final decision.

We will also now begin the process for appointing an Executive Headteacher for Parkside Community College, so that the school and our Partnership can be assured of continued excellent leadership.

I am attaching to this letter a short summary of the process we have followed in reaching our decision and details of an opportunity for you to find out about the benefits we believe that joining United Learning will bring to our group of schools.

Yours sincerely

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