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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on the proposed merger for Cathedral School Trust and Trust in Learning Academies.

We are pleased to confirm that the Department for Education (DfE) has now formally approved the proposed merger between Trust in Learning Academies (TiLA) and Cathedral Schools Trust (CST).

The DfE's approval is a significant step forwards in our plans to merge our two successful trusts, allowing us to move into the next phase. During this time our Trusts and schools will continue to operate as they do now, with a clear focus on delivering excellent education for the children and young people we serve.

As outlined in our earlier communication, for the most part, this proposal will mean very little change for your child and their school. Individual school names, school uniforms, school staffing and day-to-day arrangements will remain the same. The main changes instead will be in the senior leadership and governance of the Trust.

The next stage of our plans will focus on establishing shared systems and developing our Trust strategy. This will include agreeing on a new name for the Trust and defining our mission and values. We are committed to creating opportunities for teams across both Trusts to work closely together, strengthening relationships and ensuring that every child in our school's benefits from bringing together the very best of both Trusts.

We will be sharing key updates with parents, staff, governors, and other stakeholders as we move forward but, in the meantime, our Frequently Asked Questions document remains available for reference on the websites for both Trusts (www.cathedralschoolstrust.org) and (www.tilaacademies.co.uk) and may provide helpful clarification for any immediate questions.

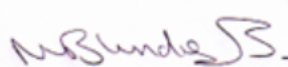
Thank you to all who took the time to share feedback and questions. Your engagement was valuable and will continue to shape our approach as we bring this exciting partnership to life.

We are excited by the opportunities that this merger will bring for staff and our pupils and we will update you as things progress over the coming months.

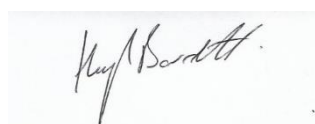
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