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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be writing this letter together to inform you that this week we have had it confirmed that on 1 May both Rosendale and Elmgreen will be converting to academy status and forming a Multi Academy Trust called the Great North Wood Education Trust. Of course the Trust will retain the individual nature of both schools and Kate will continue as Head of Rosendale and Dominic of Elmgreen. As the Trust needs a Chief Executive Officer we have decided, as a Trust, that this will be Kate in the first instance.

After much discussion the name The Great North Wood Education Trust was chosen as it reflects what we are trying to achieve. The schools are rooted in the local area like the Great North Wood (Norwood) and we believe completely that outstanding collaborative education between the primary and secondary phase is at the heart of what we do. We also believe that the community as represented by you, the parents of Rosendale and Elmgreen and the Parent Promoters Foundation, is fundamental to how we move forward as an organisation. This is summed up by our ethos.

- Provide an outstanding, inclusive, non-selective education
- Value and encourage parents' engagement in their child's education and school life through the promotion of the three-way partnership between school, pupil and home
- Deliver the best evidence-based education, drawing on local, national and international practice
- Enable all pupils to be active participants in their own learning
- Prepare pupils to be responsible citizens with a lifelong love of learning
- Foster a happy, friendly, co-operative spirit in which all individuals value and look after each other and the community
- Deliver an innovative curriculum which provides a seamless transition from ages 0 to 19
- Provide an education that enables every child, regardless of circumstances, to fully achieve their potential.

We already have plans as to how we will work together to realise these ambitions in the coming months and years. We are very excited about creating outstanding outcomes for all young people and looking at how the best learning happens from 0 to 19.

We would like to thank everybody who contributed to the consultation process and to the staff and governors who have given so much of their time to ensure that the process of conversion was successful, particularly Mr Burke, the Director of Finance and Administration at Elmgreen, who has worked tirelessly.

Yours

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