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Dear all

I am writing to you to update you on some exciting news that The Langley Academy Trust Board along with the Headteachers have agreed on as part of our new vision.

You will know that we have decided not to merge with the Pioneer Trust. Due to the work on the merger we had delayed revisiting the name of our Trust and vision going forwards. We were always wanting to change the name of the Trust as currently it suggests the involvement of The Langley Academy (TLA) and The Langley Academy Primary (TLAP) but not really Parlaunt Park Primary Academy (PPPA). This is not helped when both TLA and TLAP are on the same site.

You may also be aware that there quite simply are not enough children in Slough to fill all of the primary school places and so it is becoming increasingly competitive to get children into our schools. Currently there are about 200 surplus places and by 2024 this will be worse again. TLAP is one of only 2 Primary Schools in Slough that is oversubscribed.

As a Trust we are also trying to establish our unique identity and we want our uniform across the Trust to present itself as having the same ambition and aspiration to help us achieve our vision. Consequently, we have made some important decisions about the name of the Trust, the name of Parlaunt Park and its uniform. We believe that we should change the name of the Trust from 'The Langley Academy Trust' to 'The Arbib Education Trust' in recognition of our sponsors, Sir Martyn Arbib and his daughter Annabel Nicoll for their original vision and continued inspiration and support since those early days. We believe that Museum Learning sits at the heart of the initial vision and as such we envisage this would be our point of difference in an ever-competitive market for children and staff to join us.

However, this new Trust name still means that PPPA is the exception within the Trust, not having the name Langley in its title. Reviewing the history of the area we are in, Langley is significant in British and English history. Their land was originally part of the Langley Airfield and was key in the use of Hawker Hurricanes and in turn the success of our World War 2 efforts. In order for them to reflect both their heritage and identity as a Langley school, they will be changing their name from September 2019, to The Langley Heritage Primary. We believe that the word 'heritage' supports our museum learning vision.

The Parlaunt Park children will be focusing on this work in the Autumn Term rediscovering their shared cultural heritage, including focusing on the war, migration, changes in land and people and defining what their shared aims are now. As part of this change, they are also changing their school uniform to be consistent with the other schools in the Trust and also to reflect their pride in the improved reputation and outcomes of the school. The Trust will

be contributing significantly to the cost of the uniform change and we will also be having several launch events in August, September and January.

We believe this is very exciting time for us all and that it will be a great opportunity for the Trust, The Arbib Education Trust, to develop its identity and vision.

Many thanks

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Rhodri Bryant  
Executive Principal