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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to provide an exciting update about the merger that we have been exploring between Abbey Academies Trust (AAT) and Infinity Academies Trust (IAT).

As you know, we recently carried out a consultation on the proposed merger, bringing our families of schools together. I'd really like to thank everyone who shared their views with us, it is greatly appreciated.

Following the positive response to the consultation and the completion of other elements of the due diligence process, I am delighted to confirm that we have now received formal approval from the Department for Education to proceed with our plans.

This is a significant and exciting milestone for all of us. Bringing our schools together reflects a shared commitment to providing the very best education, opportunities and support for every child and young person in our communities.

Parents and carers can be reassured that each school will continue to retain its individual identity and place within the local community, while also benefiting from the wider opportunities and support that being part of a larger family of schools can provide.

Most importantly, this partnership is about ensuring the best possible outcomes and experiences for pupils. We are bringing together schools that share common values, high expectations and a strong commitment to nurturing every child so they can thrive both academically and personally.

While there is still some paperwork to complete, we are hoping that the merger will officially take place at the start of the new academic year and will be working closely together in preparation for this.

This marks the beginning of a brilliant new chapter for our schools, and we're looking forward to the many benefits that this partnership will bring for our wonderful children, staff and communities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

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