



April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, in November 2016 the Governors agreed that the three schools in our federation would academise and join The Wensum Trust. The Wensum Trust also approved our proposal. I am pleased to inform you that the Headteacher Board for the East of England and North London, chaired by Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner for the DfE have also now approved our proposal. The process of joining a trust is a relatively detailed one and we will be working with the Wensum Trust over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition.

Provisional dates have been set as follows:

Burnham Market Primary School	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2017
Wells Primary and Nursery School	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
Alderman Peel High School	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017.

This is reliant on completion of a variety of work including:

- Land surveys
- Building Surveys
- Finance audits
- Legal transfer of buildings and land

Agreement between The Wensum Trust and Norfolk County Council must also be confirmed on building condition, responsibilities and liabilities. Once we have reached a resolution on all these aspects the Department for Education will confirm the date of conversion when we will become part of The Wensum Trust.

Our proposed merger with the Wensum Trust will enable us to secure a prosperous future for our schools. It will enable us to build on our successes and achievements and further improve opportunities and outcomes for children.

As always if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either one of us.

Yours sincerely

Chris Beek  
Chair of the Federation Governing Body

Alastair Ogle  
Executive Headteacher

Rachel Stroulger  
Headteacher

