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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and the children are enjoying the start of a new term.

As you may be aware Hannah O'Neill, the Head of the Infant school, has decided to relocate to Northern Ireland at the end of the Autumn term after 5 years of excellent service to the school. This has given us the opportunity to consider synergies across both Oaklands schools. We spoke to all staff and governors prior to the summer holidays to consider the options available. As a Trust we are keen that the two schools continue to work more closely together to provide a consistent and seamless education experience for all our children. We are therefore proposing that both schools remain independent infant and junior schools but under the leadership of an Executive Headteacher.

We have considered two other options; to maintain the status quo or to formally merge the schools. Maintaining the status quo misses opportunities for the schools to work even more closely together. To develop a consistent curriculum, assessment, pastoral and teaching approach that provides the best possible educational experience for the pupil and allows a seamless transition. There is a huge amount of best practice across both schools that can be even more effectively shared. The other option considered, to formally merge the two schools, would mean parents would not be required to apply to move from the infants to juniors. This option however, would result in a significant loss of funding. The schools would receive only one lump sum payment rather than two, causing a loss of £128,150 of funding; this would be to the detriment of the education of the children and therefore has been ruled out.

The option of an Executive Headteacher leading both schools provide a number of advantages in working more closely together without the negative financial impact. This option is our preferred model after having spoken to the senior colleagues in each school, staff, governors and Trustees. Should parents/carers have any comments please contact us on Consult@corvuslearningtrust.co.uk by end of school 12th September 2022. The Trustees will make a final decision and will update the school community week beginning 19th September 2022. This should allow us to make an appointment for January 2023.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Education