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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you in the summer to explain the Trust's intention to carry out a review into the future organisation of Chandag Infant School and Chandag Junior School. The Trustees want to look into how Chandag Infant School and Chandag Junior School can work together more closely in the future to strengthen the experience of the children moving between the schools, from key stage 1 into key stage 2. The departure of the junior school's previous headteacher, Mr Dunning, has given us the opportunity to look into this and the review will consider three possible options:

- i) No change, the schools remain as separate establishments
- ii) Both schools are amalgamated into a two form entry primary school, under the leadership of one headteacher (an amalgamation would require the approval of the Department for Education)
- iii) The schools remain as a separate infant and a junior school but are federated or linked under the leadership of an executive headteacher (with potentially a joint governing body)

The review will consider which model will provide the best quality of education and deliver the best value for money, alongside the cost of change and whether this is affordable. The Trust's main concern will be the children but the implications and benefits for all parties, particularly staff and parents, will also be important considerations.

It is our intention to gather views from pupils, staff and parents/carers before Christmas and will be setting up a number of activities to enable us to do this. We would like to set up a parent/carer group for each school to hear the views of a representative sample of parents and carers. Each group will have about ten members and will include parents/carers with children in each year group. If you would be interested in joining this group please email me on enquiries@wellswaymat.com, stating which year group(s) your child(ren) is/are in. The meetings will take place virtually using Zoom, given the current restrictions in place. Following the meetings, we will share the points made and invite all parents/carers to submit their views and ideas in writing if they wish to do so.

The review will be concluded by the end of January 2021 and recommendations will be submitted to the Trust Board for consideration at their meeting on February 5th 2021. Any proposal for change made by the Board will be the subject of a full consultation process involving all stakeholders and interested parties.

If you have any questions at this stage please email them to me on enquiries@wellswaymat.com.

I look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,



Andrea Arlidge
Chief Executive