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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Development of the TDA Education Trust

I am writing to update you on developments regarding the TDA Education Trust (TDAET). Since the Trust was established in January 2016, it has allowed us to work closely and share experience with a number of other local schools.

One of the schools that we have been working with is The Voyager Academy. In a short space of time the partnership has had a positive impact and Ofsted recently said The Voyager Academy is taking effective action in order to become a Good school. The leaders of their highly successful sixth form have also been sharing their good practice with ours in order to further improve outcomes for our own sixth form pupils.

Through our focus on educational excellence, character formation and values-led culture, we believe that we are well placed to become a key player in Peterborough's educational landscape, leading to improved outcomes for a larger number of pupils in our community. We are confident that we have the strength and capability to take on this wider role within the city while making sure that we continue to deliver the best education experience to our existing pupils.

The Trust allows us to 'sponsor' other academies and bring other schools into our family where we feel we can add real value, and help improve outcomes, but also where the partnership can offer better experiences and outcomes for our existing pupils.

Our Trustees believe that now is the right time to formalise this partnership with The Voyager Academy and bring them into the Thomas Deacon Academy Education Trust. We have been hugely impressed by the improvements they have made, particularly under the leadership of Mr Scott Hudson who will continue as The Voyager Academy's Principal and join our Trust leadership team.

We have now received confirmation from the Department for Education that The Voyager Academy has joined our Trust from 1st January 2017. To mark the change of leadership we will consult with staff, pupils and the community of The Voyager Academy to rename and rebrand the school during the next term.

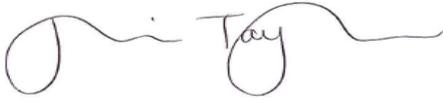
You will also be aware that we have been supporting the interim leadership team at Gladstone Primary School – one of our feeder primary schools. They were placed in special measures earlier this year and our Junior Leader, Mr Simon Martin, has been supporting the school since this point.

We have been selected by the Regional Schools Commissioner as the preferred Trust to take forward improvements at the school and are in the process of bringing them into our Trust from February. They will benefit from our understanding of the local community and primary experience.



In the next few weeks we will be holding drop-in sessions for all parents to find out more about the Trust and meet the Trust's leaders. We will write to you again closer to the time to confirm these details.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie Taylor
Chief Executive, TDA Education Trust