



## Transfer to Grove Learning Trust

1 March 2024

Dear Trustees, Staff and Parents,

Today marks the next exciting step for our three schools as we formally transfer to the Grove Learning Trust.

Our three schools converted to Single Academy Trusts on 1 November 2013 overseen by the LINK Academies Collaborative Trust (LACT), and over the last ten and half years we have collaborated closely to enhance teaching and learning, shared best practice in all aspects of school life, competed against each other in sports and academic settings, supported each other through the Covid pandemic and numerous Ofsted inspections, and welcomed approximately 1350 new pupils through our doors.

Through all of this we have kept our individual school identities and sincerely believe we have kept our LACT vision of **'Individually Strong, Collaboratively Stronger'**.

Our individual schools have continually evolved since they were established, and we should continue to evolve to keep pace with changing legislation, financial pressures, and most importantly the needs of our students.

Therefore, we are delighted that our schools are joining the Grove Learning Trust ([www.grovelearningtrust.co.uk](http://www.grovelearningtrust.co.uk)) to form a new collaboration of eight schools as a Multi Academy Trust where we will continue to put our children first, keep our individual school identities but have a combined strength of like-minded schools that will ensure all our schools continue to be academically and financially robust.

As Chair of the LACT Board, I would like to personally thank all Trustees and staff that have worked to make this transfer seamless, for the constructive challenges as this is a significant change to our operations, and to Aaron Griffiths and his team at the GLT for welcoming us as their latest partners.

Together we will achieve amazing things and we look forward to the GLT being one of the strongest academies and education providers within Swindon.

With best wishes,

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Chair of LACT and  
Chair of Peatmoor  
Primary School

**Philip Harland**

Chair of Shaw Ridge  
Primary School

**Luke Dawson & Kelly Hunt**

Co-Chairs of Millbrook  
Primary School

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