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Dear families

EXCITING NEWS

As you will know, the Luddenden CE School team is always looking for ways to make our school even better. We are a forward thinking school and have always made the most of working in partnership with other settings.

Over the last few years we have been exploring the possibility of joining a multi-academy trust and more recently have carried out extensive research to find what the best options could be for our school. We were looking for a trust that would help us build on our strengths, support us in securing the very best outcomes for pupils whilst maintaining our unique ethos and identity, and we believe we have found a great match in [Learning Accord Multi-Academy Trust](#).

Usually, when schools convert to academy status they receive a grant of £25000 to cover the conversion fees. What's even better is that by taking decisive action and choosing to become a sponsored academy with Learning Accord we are now eligible for an additional £45000 to invest in our school improvement journey.

Staff and Governors have already had a number of opportunities to meet with members of the trust, to ask questions and to talk through what it could be like to be part of this 'Partnership promoting excellence' and now it's over to you. Attached to this letter are some frequently asked questions and a 'What does it all mean?' document. We wanted to let you have this before the Easter holidays to give you the chance to read and digest this information. Please then email any questions, concerns or comments you might have and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

We feel this is an exciting and positive move for our school and hope that after reading the information you will also feel the same.

Yours sincerely

Lisa and The Governors