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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: The Termination of the Funding Agreement for the Learning Link Multi Academy Trust (LLMAT)**

You may have been aware of a number of articles written about the LLMAT Learning Link Multi Academy Trust in the local press, This warning notice was issued in response to Trust leadership and Governance issues and followed on from the issue of a **Financial Notice to Improve** in January of this year. The warning notice gave the LLMAT Trust board and LLMAT leadership team a list of obligations and targets to meet in order to be allowed to continue as an academy trust. Unfortunately, I have to report to you that many of those criteria have not been met. Subsequently the RSC issued a full **Termination Notice** to the trust on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Please see the attached letter from the Regional Schools Commissioner for the full details which were published during half term.

**What does this mean?**

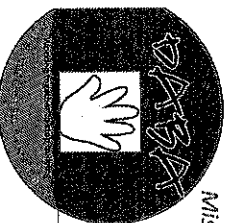
The Learning Link Multi Academy Trust will soon be dissolved and will cease to exist. The four schools will be 'rebrokered' to a new Academy Trust as soon as possible. We will have confirmation of the new sponsor on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and we will begin the transfer at that point.

**When will this happen?**

The intention of the RSC is for the four LLMAT schools to become part of a new trust on or around the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. NB: This may be delayed due to administration and HR considerations taking set amounts of time.

**Does this affect my child's school?**

We would like to reassure all parents and carers that none of the issues linked to the LLMAT are to do with Kates Hill Primary as a school or our own Local Governing Body. The issues are related to leadership and Governance at an academy trust board and executive team level and certain failures on their parts to carry out the necessary statutory obligations.



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The school will continue to operate under a new academy trust next year and we will contact you with the details of who this will be once it has been confirmed.

None of this will negatively affect the normal education and school experience of the children attending school or the staff working here, so please do not worry.

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please email us at the following email address: [info@kates-hill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@kates-hill.dudley.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to answer your questions. More information will be provided as soon as we have it in order to keep you fully informed.

After a long period of uncertainty we see this as exciting and very good news. We look forward to being part of a Trust which supports our school to become outstanding in every area.

Yours sincerely

**Kathryn Harvey**  
Headteacher

**Mike Searle & Claire Fellows**  
Cc-Chairs of the Local Governing Body

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