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Dear Parents/Carers of children at Pitton CE Primary School

RE: Welcome to Pickwick Academy Trust

As you know, we have been working closely with the leaders and governors of your school, and I can now confirm that over the summer holidays, on 1 August 2021, the Department for Education (DfE) successfully converted Pitton CE Primary School to an academy, and your school has joined our Trust - Pickwick Academy Trust.

I am delighted to welcome your school into the Pickwick Academy Trust family, and look forward to continuing to develop the strong relationships that have already been built between the staff and governors at your school and our team at Pickwick.

Pickwick Academy Trust was formed on 1 August 2017 when four primary schools: Aloeric Primary in Melksham; Corsham Primary in Corsham; and Ivy Lane and Queen's Crescent Primaries in Chippenham came together to create our Trust. Our strategic plans included developing a strong and growing partnership of schools across Wiltshire, working together to benefit from and share expertise and support. Ludwell Primary School, in South Wiltshire, joined us on 1 November 2019 and we are delighted to now be able to realise our aim to set up a north and south 'hub' of schools within Pickwick Academy Trust. Your school will be part of the wider Pickwick family of schools, as well as being a key part of the South Wiltshire hub which will include Ludwell, Greentrees Primary and Winterslow CE Primary schools.

Pitton CE Primary is a fantastic school with strong leaders, staff and governors; and parental engagement and involvement is high. We are very much looking forward to continuing to develop strong links between school, home and the local community. We know that the number of pupils coming into the school has fallen recently, and we are looking forward to working together with staff, governors, parents and children to ensure Pitton CE Primary School remains strong and sustainable into the future.

You may not notice many obvious changes as a result of the school joining Pickwick Academy Trust, as the ethos, values, identity and culture, and things such as the uniform, remain individual to the school and therefore unchanged. Opportunities for staff to work and learn together, and to support each other collaboratively across our schools is a key feature of being an academy, as well as benefitting from a strong central team of education and business leaders.

If you would like to find out more about Pickwick Academy Trust and its schools, governance and ways of working, please visit our website: www.pickwickacademytrust.co.uk. If you would like to make contact, or you have any questions about the Trust, please drop into your school office or send us an email: admin@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk.

I very much look forward to meeting, talking and working with you over the coming months.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Passmore".

James Passmore

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