

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the school year we wanted to say thank you for your support and forbearance over the last 18 months. Despite the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic, high quality education has continued, helped by the support of parents, the enthusiasm of our pupils, our investment in the IT facilities for home learning and of course the hard work of our staff. We are all pleased that this term we have been able to return to a more normal situation.

As a Trust we have needed to give a considerable amount of thought to the best ways to deliver education in rapidly changing circumstances. We have also had very positive outcomes from Ofsted Inspections in three of our schools and the Board of Trustees has been carrying out a review of our committee structure, our vision and our learning objectives as a family of schools. We will be sharing information on our developing strategy with you next term. This process has led us to review the name of our Trust.

Over a year ago we changed our name from Enfield Learning Trust to the ELT Partnership. Many people have commented that this does not reflect our objectives, there is no reference to education or the fact that we are an academy trust. Following consultation with Trustees, Headteachers and other interested parties we are therefore proposing that from September 2022 the Trust will be known as the Connect Education Trust. This change has been agreed by Companies House where the name is registered. We are preparing new branding to accommodate this change and will update the Trust part of the website to reflect our current education priorities and vision. This change will not affect the individual school websites with all our schools having their own identity as at present. The Trust Board is ensuring that all changes are at minimal cost, our overriding priority being to ensure that as much funding as possible goes directly into classroom learning.

The change in name will ensure that our schools have an easily identified and collective image in terms of the Department for Education, Ofsted and other schools in Enfield.

We hope that you and your family have an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to the new school year in September.

With best wishes,

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