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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on our application to convert to Academy status and form a Multi Academy Trust with Leagrave Primary School.

As you may be aware, we consulted with regards to our proposals in the Spring term of 2020, prior to the Covid19 Pandemic lockdowns. Following the outcome of our consultations and a resolution from the Governing Body, we began the conversion process which was halted as a result of the impact of Covid19.

The process has now re-started and we aim to submit a new application to the Department for Education in April. The Government has now also resolved that all schools should become academies and join multi-academy trusts. We continue to believe that a local MAT which will allow us to build on the work we have done as individual schools and collectively is in the best interests of our school and local community.

During this academic year, we have been working closely with Leagrave Primary School on a wide range of documentation and organisational elements. We have also continued our close working on school improvement; particularly through the development of reading strategies.

In addition to Leagrave Primary School, we have been joined in our MAT application by The Meads Primary School and Waulud Primary School, both of whom will begin their formal consultations on Friday 3rd March. The name for the new MAT will be Lumen Education.

I am aware that some parents/carers may not be aware of the consultation that took place as their children have started with us since this time. As our application progresses, we will hold a parents information evening and if you have any immediate questions please do not hesitate to email head@lealands.luton.sch.uk. Following conversion, there will be no significant changes and we will continue to operate as Lealands High School with the same staff, uniform, systems and procedures. Benefits will be realised financially through joint purchasing power and continued close work on school improvement initiatives which will enhance the learning journey through our schools.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

John Burridge
Headteacher



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