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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to inform you of an exciting development for our all-through family of schools. We are delighted to announce that last Friday we were given permission by the Department for Education to join with Unity Schools Partnership (USP). This is the largest trust in West Suffolk. There are many advantages for both trusts including opportunities for collaboration on approaches to teaching and learning; joint training; additional events and activities for pupils; sharing resources and greater administrative efficiency which will ensure that more money can go directly into the education of your children. USP is excited about working with all our schools and is particularly looking forward to being part of our 'outstanding' sixth form.

Whilst there are huge advantages to this merger for both trusts, you will not notice changes on a daily basis. Joining with USP will not involve, for example, changing our names, our uniform, the timings of the school day, the subjects we teach or the extracurricular provision we offer.

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with representatives of Unity Schools Partnership before Easter. In the meantime, I will keep you updated as our plans progress. If you have any immediate questions, please contact Amy Bryant, (abryant@burytrust.org) clerk to the Trust Board.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Bury St Edmunds All-Through Trust

