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Dear Parent/Carer

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**Fosse Primary School is joining The Mead Educational Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

I am writing to tell you that our school is due to join The Mead Educational Trust (TMET) at the start of September. The Fosse Governing Body looks forward to this as it will bring welcome support to the school. I explain what this means in the rest of this letter.

**Why is Fosse joining TMET?**

After Fosse Primary School was inspected by Ofsted in November 2019, the Department for Education (DfE) decided that the school would have to join a multi-academy trust. This is because Fosse Primary needs lots of support in its improvement journey and the DfE considers that this is best provided within a family of schools that works together, a multi-academy trust.

**Why was TMET selected as the sponsor for Fosse Primary School?**

The DfE considered TMET to be the best fit for our school: it is a local family of schools (the Mead family), has a strong track record in school improvement and has the capacity to support Fosse Primary. TMET has 12 schools: 7 primary schools and 5 secondaries. One of these is Brook Mead Academy, the new secondary school opening in August this year which will be located very close to Fosse once it moves into its permanent site in 2023.

We have already started to see how being part of TMET can benefit our school. This year TMET staff have been helping to develop areas such as teaching and learning, safeguarding, financial management and the site. Some of our staff have started to visit TMET schools and have been included in the TMET network groups where staff support each other and share effective practice. This support and collaboration will increase once we join TMET.

**What will change when Fosse Primary School joins TMET?**

The main changes you will see are a change of name to Fosse Mead Primary Academy, a refreshed logo, new school signs and a new school website. The day to day life of the school that you and your children see will change very little but we do expect some changes as improvements happen, especially to teaching and learning and to the school site and buildings. TMET follows the same term dates as Leicester City Council schools so there should be no problem with school holidays if you have children (or work) in other Leicester schools. If you have a child with special educational needs, the funding and support will work in the same way. Ofsted will still inspect the school and you will still follow the same route in approaching the school if you have concerns about anything.

On behalf of the governors, I thank you for your continuing support for Fosse Primary School, especially over the last 15 months through lockdowns, isolations, remote learning and other COVID-related challenges. We look forward to the next stage of our journey as part of the Mead family of schools in TMET.

Yours faithfully

Cathy Brown, Chair of Governors

