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Dear Parent/Carer

Earlier today you will have received a letter from The Education Fellowship Trust saying that The Manor Learning Trust is the “preferred option” for Windmill Primary School.

You will, understandably, ask what this means and what the impact will be on the school. Over recent months we have been in discussions with lots of educationalists from the Department of Education, The Headteacher Board and the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office who have all looked at our trust to review what we stand for and how our schools are performing.

Mr Coleman has also been involved in discussions with these authorities for the last 12 months and is delighted with the fact that the school is able to look into this local solution to move forward with.

It is mutually agreed that our trust and your school share similar approaches and have complementary skills and experiences that mean we will be a good fit to work together. The reasons that this conclusion has been met are:

We have strong values

Just like yourselves, our trust is committed to supporting and shaping the education that we offer our children to enable them to be the best they can be. We believe this is more than just about results and outcomes – it is about helping them to be young people that the whole community should be proud of.

Our schools are benefiting from being part of the Trust

Since we started in 2013, we have grown to just three schools, two of which are primaries like Windmill. In our network are St Peter's CE Academy, which is a good school, and Stanwick Primary. In addition, we are proud that Manor Community Sports College is also part of our family.

We believe that we are stronger together

These schools are starting to work together well, sharing ideas, best practice and resources. Having Windmill Primary School join us will mean that our current schools can learn from the undoubted successes that Windmill have had over recent times and you can look at what is driving improvement for us. It is our firm belief that we are stronger if we all work collaboratively together.



Manor School
Sports College



St Peter's CE
Academy



Stanwick
Primary
School

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Before anything is formalised, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you so that you can find out more about us, ask any questions and explore how we will support your school.

As we are a growing trust we are also changing our name to show that we are a family of schools, each of which has equal importance to us. Your views on our new branding would be welcomed.

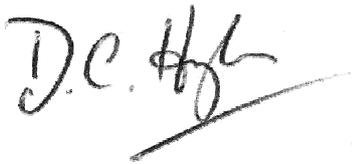
We would also like to find out more about your school from your perspective. The meetings will be held at the school as follow on Tuesday 6 of March 2018

<i>Meeting for staff:</i>	<i>16:00 – 17:00</i>
<i>Meeting for parents:</i>	<i>18:00 – 19:00</i>

We hope that you will be able to join us at these meetings and look forward to meeting and working with you all moving forward.

If you are unable to attend a survey will be made available from the 8th March 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.C. Hughes', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Dudley Hughes JP
Chair of Manor Learning Trust