



6th September 2024

Dear Trust-wide parents/carers

Re: Oak Farm Primary School

We are writing to inform you that Vanguard Learning Trust's board of trustees and Oak Farm Primary School's governing body have agreed to progress to Stage 3 of the associate membership programme in the autumn term 2024 with a view to the school joining the Trust in April 2025.

As many parents/carers will be aware, Oak Farm has been an associate member of our Trust since the summer term 2023. The partnership over the past year has provided assurance to trustees that our Trust is in a strong position to provide capacity and expertise to enable Oak Farm to realise its school improvement priorities including expediting the process. The Trust will benefit in terms of the expansion of the Trust's local primary phase allowing for more opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom as well as Trust-wide professional opportunities for staff.

This term will involve two key processes, which are as follows:

● **Consultation:**

This involves seeking views from Oak Farm's staff, parents and other stakeholders about whether the school should join Vanguard Learning Trust.

● **Due diligence:**

This allows both parties to review all key functions of the school/Trust, including provision for school improvement work and information on HR and finance.

We would like to reassure parents/carers that the board of trustees will reach its final decision once trustees have considered the information from the aforementioned processes. For Oak Farm Primary School to join Vanguard Learning Trust, both parties have to be in agreement before the Department for Education can consider the application; it is envisaged that the final decision will be made by the end of the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter W Davies".

Mr Peter Davies
Chair of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martina Lecky".

Dr Martina Lecky
Chief Executive Officer