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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you all to update you in relation to the transfer of the Deanery and Kingfisher schools to a new Trust.

We can confirm today that The Park Academies Trust (TPAT) is the preferred choice of the Department for Education (DfE) for The Deanery and Kingfisher schools to move to as of 1st September 2024.

This follows a period of due diligence and review by colleagues at TPAT.

This recommendation is to be put to the DfE's Advisory Board, who will make the ultimate decision on 18th March. The draft agenda for this meeting is [here](#). Any representations can be made to the DfE as per the instructions on the agenda, which we have copied below.

If you have any queries/comments about this draft agenda, please email RG.SW@education.gov.uk

Questions must be submitted by e-mail no less than **5 working days** before the meeting. Any questions submitted after this deadline may not be considered in advance of the meeting. In your email please include:

- the school name (and where this is about a 'trust change', please also state the name of the recipient trust), and the local authority area of the school (and trust if appropriate).
- your relationship to the school,
- your views on the proposal,
- any alternative proposal(s) you may have, and
- any other comments on the school's future

Please note that the DfE will not respond to individual emails.

We will update you as soon as we can once this is officially confirmed with the DfE, and we look forward to supporting a smooth transition alongside our new and existing Trust colleagues.

Kind regards,

Kelly Osborne-James and Sharon Bishop