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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the Lighthouse Schools Partnership

I am delighted to welcome you and your child(ren) to one of the schools within Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP).

For some families, this will be the start of a child's educational journey as they join Reception. For others, it will mark the exciting move to secondary school in Year 7 or a new Sixth Form. Many of you may already know our schools well, perhaps because an older child has attended one of them. Whether this is your first experience of our Trust or not, I would like to explain a little about who we are and what we do.

Lighthouse Schools Partnership is a trust of more than thirty primary and secondary schools serving communities across Bristol and the west of England. Technically speaking, we are a charity that provides education for public benefit. Together, our schools educate approximately 13,000 pupils and employ almost 1,700 staff. Our vision is simple: to help children flourish through great education, strong schools and effective partnership.

Parents often ask what a multi academy trust actually does; the simplest answer is that we help our schools thrive. They know their communities, build relationships with families and make the day-to-day decisions about the education of their pupils. The role of the Trust is to provide the expertise, services and capacity that allow schools to focus on what matters most: teaching, learning and supporting children.

Our schools are at the heart of everything we do. Centrally we support schools with finance, human resources, estates, information technology, safeguarding, special educational needs, staff development and school improvement. So when you see improvements being made to a school site, or when your child uses the school's IT systems for example, you are benefiting from services that are provided collectively across our trust.

The Trust also creates opportunities for teachers and leaders to work together, share expertise and learn from one another. For example, our primary schools collaborate to develop curriculum resources and teachers compare pupils' work across schools to ensure consistently high standards. Our secondary schools are already working together to prepare for the national curriculum changes expected in the next few years.

Alongside this support, we have a responsibility to ensure that every child receives the high-quality education they deserve. The Trust's Central Team therefore provides challenge as well as support, helping schools evaluate their performance, and continually improve. This year, our Directors of Primary and Secondary Education have reported strong outcomes and experiences for pupils at every stage. The professional development of our staff, together with the high expectations of governors, school leaders and the central team, helps create the conditions in which pupils can succeed and flourish.

One of the greatest strengths of being part of LSP is that no school faces challenges alone. When expertise, resources or additional capacity are needed, schools can draw on the experience of colleagues across the trust. Equally, when a school develops particularly effective practice, that knowledge can be shared for the benefit of children in other schools.

Although our schools work closely together, each retains its own character, traditions and place within its community. Every school has its own Local Governing Body, whose role includes helping to shape the school's distinctive offer and ensuring that it serves its community well.

We are committed to providing an excellent education for every child and to working with families to help them succeed. You will receive future editions of *The Beacon*, our Trust-wide newsletter, and I am sure you will hear much more about our shared work through your school's newsletters and publications.

Thank you for placing your faith in us. We look forward to working with you over the years ahead and supporting your child as they learn, grow and flourish.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Gary Lewis
Chief Executive
Lighthouse Schools Partnership