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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite you to a Q&A evening on Monday, February 12th from 5pm to 6pm at Pear Tree Primary School where you will have an opportunity to hear about plans of Pear Tree joining the Cornovii Trust.

Governors and the Senior Leadership Team from Pear Tree have been working closely with representatives from the Cornovii Trust for a number of months to discuss a possible merger. The schools involved in the multi-academy Cornovii Trust are: Brine Leas, Audlem St James CofE Primary, Alsager Highfields Primary, Alsager School and Weston Village Primary.

Joining the Cornovii Trust will mean we will have more capacity and expertise to support our young people, create opportunities for staff and potentially raise our already excellent standards.

Richard Middlebrook, as the CEO of the Cornovii Trust, and the Trustees have overall accountability for the schools within the Trust however responsibility forthe leadership and management of each school is delegated to the Headteachers and local governing bodies. As such, Pear Tree will retain our name, individuality and uniform and will still be led by Mrs Hadfield.

Following a thorough and robust due diligence process, Pear Tree Governors have voted to proceed to the next stage of this potential merger. That next stage involves informing and consulting with all key stakeholders: staff, parents, pupils, local governing bodies, trade unions and the community.

The window for this information sharing period will run from February 5th 2024 to March 4th 2024. This will be the opportunity to ask any questions about the proposed merger and make any representations which the governors would consider before their final vote on whether to proceed on March 18th 2024.

You can email questions or make any representations on this planned merger using the address admin@peartreeprimary.co.uk. Mr Middlebrook and governors will be at the Q&A session at Pear Tree on February 12th. Attending the event is not compulsory and your questions may be answered by the attached FAQ sheet, but we would very much welcome your presence.

Kind regards,

 

Mrs Ruth Hadfield and Mr Simon Holden

Headteacher Chair of Governors