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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subject: Update on the Academisation Process

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are writing to provide you with an update on the academisation process that our group of schools are undergoing.

As many of you are aware, the decision to join an academy trust is driven by our collective commitment to providing the best possible education and opportunities for our children. The transition to academy status is a significant step that aims to enhance the quality of education, improve resources, and ensure sustainable development for our school communities.

You may also be aware that our schools have jointly identified The Embark Federation as the trust that can best support our school communities. The Embark Federation is a Derbyshire Trust, with a wonderful ethos, family focus, and the support they bring to each of our schools align perfectly with our vision for the future. With their help, we are confident that we will continue to achieve our goals and provide the highest quality education for our pupils.

The Embark Federation has a fantastic reputation both across the county and nationally. This has meant The Embark Federation is experiencing high demand across the county. In turn, the process of gaining official Department for Education (DfE) approval is taking a long time and consequently the timelines to join a trust for all of our schools have been extended. As the fastest-growing trust locally, Embark and the DfE are committed to managing this process carefully for all schools, in order to provide the best possible support for each school as they join.

As a group, we remain committed to ensuring a successful transition to the right academy trust for all our schools and communities.

Next steps:

For the time being, our schools will remain as local authority schools and continue to receive support from the county council, as well as each other. We are also in the fortunate situation of being able to work with The Embark Federation on a lot of school improvement priorities as well as being able to send pupils out of school on many enrichment activities and will continue to engage in this way over the coming year.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this period and look forward to sharing future updates when they are available.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa White

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On behalf of;

Belper School

Ambergate Primary

Milford Primary

Pottery Primary

