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Dear Parent/carer

Yesterday you will have received a letter from The Education Fellowship Trust saying that the Manor Learning Trust is the "preferred" trust for Risdene Academy to join.

You will, understandably, ask what this means and what the impact will be on the school.

Over recent months we have been in discussions with lots of educationalists from the Department of Education, The Headteacher Board and the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office who have all looked at our trust to review what we stand for and how we our schools are performing.

We are delighted that they believe that our trust and your school share similar approaches and have complementary skills and experiences that mean we will be a good fit to work together. The reason they have come to this conclusion is:

Our schools are benefiting from being part of the Trust

Since we started in 2013, we have grown to just three schools, two of which are primaries like yourselves. In our network is St Peter's CE Academy, which is a good school, and Stanwick Primary, who this year performed better than the average across the whole of Northamptonshire for how children did in reading writing and maths.

We also are proud that Manor Community Sports College, winners of Northamptonshire's Secondary School of the Year just over a year ago, is also part of our family.

We believe that we are stronger together

These schools are starting to work together well sharing ideas, best practice and resources. Having your school join us will mean that our schools can learn from what works well at your school and you can look at what is driving improvement for us. It is our firm belief that we are stronger if we all work collaboratively together.

We have strong values

Just like yourselves, our trust is committed to supporting and shaping our education to enable children to be the best they can be. We believe this is more than just about results and outcomes – it is about helping them to be young people that the whole community should be proud of.

Before anything is formalised, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you so that you can find out about us, ask any questions and explore how we will support your school.



Manor School
Sports College



St Peter's CE
Academy



Stanwick
Primary
School

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As we are a growing trust we are also changing our name to show that we are a family of schools, each of which has equal importance to us. Your views on our new branding would be welcomed.

We would also like to find out more about the school from your perspective. What do you like most? Where can the school improve? Are you happy with the changes that TEFT instigated?

The meeting to discuss all of this will be held at the school on Monday 5 March 2018 :

<i>Meeting for staff:</i>	<i>15:30 – 16:30</i>
<i>Meeting for parents:</i>	<i>17:30 – 18:30</i>

We hope that you will be able to join us at these meetings, and look forward to meeting and working with you all moving forward.

If you are unable to attend a survey will be made available from the 6 March 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hughes', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

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Chair Manor Learning Trust