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Dear parents/carers,

I am delighted to be able to update you on the latest developments regarding John Willmott School joining the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership (ATLP).

As you will be aware, your school has been working alongside the ATLP multi-academy trust for over 18 months. Due to the hard work of colleagues at John Willmott School and within the Partnership, alongside the commitment shown by Birmingham City Council and the Department of Education, I am pleased to inform you that **John Willmott School is proposed to become part of the ATLP early next year**, subject to final approval by the Trust Board and when the academy conversion takes place.

This is superb news for all and both Mrs Peters and I would like to share with you some of the opportunities that this will bring.

First of all, I would like to celebrate the many improvements that this collaboration has already made. Your school is making rapid progress because of the hard work and commitment of school leaders and students. The monitoring inspection by Ofsted last May confirmed that school leaders are taking effective action following the disappointing 'special measures' findings prior to ATLP's involvement. The report stated that **'the new headteacher has brought an energy and enthusiasm towards tackling the challenges that the school faces'** and has brought a **'culture of relishing challenge'**. This has brought greater confidence in the school and John Willmott School is now oversubscribed, teaching and learning has improved and this is reflected in this year's GCSE and A-Level results. Significant progress has already been made but we are not complacent.

Mrs Peters is an experienced and dedicated headteacher, who has worked as part of the ATLP for many years. She and her team have, indeed, done an incredible job. Birmingham Education Partnership, tasked with monitoring the ongoing work in the school and the impact of the support from the Partnership, has also confirmed that this school is making significant improvements – so congratulations to everybody on their excellent work.

Becoming an academy means that the school will not receive another Ofsted inspection for at least two years. This will enable us to build on the progress we are already making and give us time to implement further improvement strategies.

By joining our established partnership of three secondary schools and four primary schools, your school will have access to even greater opportunities. Research shows that schools are stronger when they work together. As a family of likeminded schools, we are able to distribute teachers and

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leaders and share best practice; we share resources, we benefit from savings through economies of scale. We train our own teachers through the Arthur Terry National Teaching School and retain this talent in our own schools – what a great incentive for everybody involved! **We ensure that children and young people are at the heart of everything we do.** We believe in our communities and value the partnership working we have with our parents and stakeholders. Together, we are stronger.

Our schools support each other; every school is a giver and receiver of support. John Willmott School has successfully worked with the ATLP for a while now and this joining of schools will bring us even closer together and enable us to provide even more specialist support and, equally, benefit from expertise within John Willmott to the wider family of schools.

I am proud of your school community and all that has been achieved – and all we have still to achieve. John Willmott School has the potential to become a ‘Good’ school and with such a supportive community of students, leaders, teachers and governors, we can make this school even stronger – together!

**In anticipation of its academy status, your school will have an additional training day for staff on Tuesday 9th January. This means that students will return to school on Wednesday 10th January 2018.**

May I take the opportunity to thank you for all your support. Your children are a real credit to you and the school. The ATLP is absolutely committed to putting children at the heart of everything we do. This drives us to improve the quality of education for your children and to give them opportunities for life.

Wishing you the warmest of welcomes to the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership as we head into 2018.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Gill', written in a cursive style.

Richard Gill  
CEO ATLP