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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to share an update with you about our school and the wider trust we are part of.

Please find attached a letter from Sarah Bennett, CEO of Inspiring Futures through Learning (IFtL), our Multi-Academy Trust. The letter explains that IFtL is currently exploring the possibility of a future partnership with Chiltern Learning Trust and sets out what this could mean. It also includes links to further information on the IFtL website.

We felt it was important to share this information with you at an early stage. IFtL is keen to hear your thoughts, and the letter explains how you can share any feedback, comments or questions - either through the survey, by email, or by attending one of the drop-in events.

This is very much an exploratory process, and your views are valued as part of it. I am also very happy to talk this through with you if you would like to do so.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Kirsty Outtram
Head Teacher

Inspiring Futures through Learning

2 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that your child is part of the school community within Inspiring Futures through Learning Multi-Academy Trust.

We want to be proactive and transparent in keeping you informed about significant developments across our Trust. Across the education sector, it's become crucial to look strategically at growth and potential mergers. Not as an end goal, but as a robust way to protect and enhance the educational quality for our children, and to ensure the long-term sustainability of our mission.

Our Board of Trustees has been deeply engaged in this strategic consideration. Over the past few months, the Trustees have thoroughly reviewed opportunities for local and regional growth. Further to extensive partnership working and a natural alliance on this, we are now exploring the option of a potential merger with another Multi-Academy Trust, Chiltern Learning Trust (CLT).

The synergy here is powerful: IFtL and CLT already share very close ties through our Teaching School and recent strong, impactful partnership working. Our two Trusts are highly complementary with shared values – combined they are well recognised and respected locally, regionally and nationally for their work including in early years, primary, secondary phases, initial teacher training, work with the DfE through school improvement programmes and regional hubs and digital literacy, both in AI and teaching and learning.

Also, crucially, we are geographically neighbouring: a merged trust would cover North Northants, Milton Keynes, Luton, Bedford, Central Beds and Buckinghamshire, meaning a formal merger would be logical and highly efficient in preserving local identity and our school development models based on this.

Since our respective formations as Multi-Academy Trusts, we have worked collaboratively for the best interests of our students, colleagues and wider communities. We are so proud of the work we have done and our respective achievements to date. Together, we could create a resilient, diverse, and sustainable organisation capable of supporting over forty academies.

This is an exciting time for our Trusts and schools. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to further strengthen our partnerships as a group of like-minded education providers by formalising the relationship between us. We are determined to deliver the very highest standard of education through collaboration and the sharing of best practice, underpinned by our shared ethos and values.

We want to be absolutely clear: we are currently only exploring this option. The Trustees have made no final commitment or decision.

Inspiring Futures through Learning

The schools involved in this proposal include all academies currently within the Inspiring Futures through Learning and Chiltern Learning Trust portfolios. These are:

CLT Schools:	
Ardley Hill Academy	Aspley Guise Village School
Cedars Upper School	Challney High School for Boys
Challney High School for Girls	Chiltern Academy
Dallow Primary	Daubeney Academy
Denbigh High School	Kempston Academy
Lancot School	Lark Rise Academy
Lea Manor High School	Linslade School
Marston Vale Middle School	Putteridge High School
Springfield Primary	Wootton Primary School.

IFtL Schools:	
Ashbrook School	Brooklands Farm Primary School
Chestnuts Primary School	Exeter – a learning community
Fairfields Primary School	Glebe Farm School
Heronshaw School	Heronsgate School
Heronshill School and Nursery	Holmwood School and Nursery
Lavendon School	New Chapter Primary School
Olney Infant School	Olney Middle School
Priors Hall – a learning community	Rickley Park Primary School
St Mary and St Giles CofE Primary	St Mary's Wavendon CofE Primary
Two Mile Ash School	Whitehouse Primary School
Woodnewton – a learning community	

As an important part of this exploration, we would like to engage with you as parents and carers, colleagues, and other stakeholders on these proposals. This letter provides you with information while also inviting you to let us know your views.

The engagement period will run from **2 February 2026** to **9 March 2026**. Following this period, a report on the findings will be published and made available to all stakeholders via our Trust websites.

To help our parents/carers and community develop their knowledge and understanding of what is involved, we have organised informal drop-in sessions where you can call in and ask any questions you may have:

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Date/Time:

- Thursday, 26th February 2026, 5.30pm - 7pm
  at Glebe Farm School, Burney Drive, Glebe Farm, Milton Keynes MK17 8XY
  To register your attendance, please visit:
  https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/partnership-proposal-engagement-clt-and-iftl-drop-in-session-tickets-1981928845529?aff=oddtdtcreator

- Tuesday, 3rd March 2026, 5.30pm - 7pm
  at CLT, Redgrave Children & Young Peoples Centre, Luton LU3 3QN
  To register your attendance, please visit:
  https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/partnership-proposal-engagement-clt-and-iftl-drop-in-session-tickets-1981930977907?aff=oddtdtcreator

- Wednesday, 4th March 2026, 5.30pm - 7pm: online
  To register your attendance, please visit:
  https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/partnership-proposal-engagement-clt-and-iftl-drop-in-session-tickets-1981931163462?aff=oddtdtcreator

These sessions will be an opportunity for you to ask questions about how this will affect your child's school and the Trust.

On our Trust websites, we have created an engagement area where you will find the information shared today, an online survey, and Frequently Asked Questions. These can be found at:

- IFtL: https://www.iftl.co.uk/about/engagement/
- CLT: http://chilternlt.greenhousecms.co.uk/Engagement

If you are unable to attend but would like further information, you can contact us in the following ways:

- By email: engagement@iftl.co.uk
- Our online survey link: Engagement survey feedback

We look forward to speaking with you soon and to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Bennett, CEO