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Dear parents, carers,

You will be aware that Morley Place Academy is currently part of Wakefield City Academies Trust (WCAT). WCAT announced in September that it had taken the decision to work with the Department for Education to look for a new trust for each of its schools. As a result, on 10 October 2017 you received a letter from the Trust letting you know that Delta Academies Trust had been provisionally identified as the new trust for Morley Place to join.

Following this, there was an opportunity for parents, staff, governors, local authorities, MPs and other interested parties to contact the Department for Education before 7 November (with this timescale later extended to 12 November), to share views on the proposals. I understand that, as part of gathering local views, Delta has engaged with staff and parents at Morley Place and I would like to thank parents who engaged with them, or with the Department, during this process. It was very important to me that you had the chance to put your views forward before final decisions were made.

We have been focused on minimising any uncertainty for pupils, parents and staff by working quickly to take the final decision on the new trust for Morley Place.

We are in a position to confirm the final trusts for some of the academies earlier than anticipated, and as a result ministers have decided to announce final trusts for these schools now. We are continuing the important work to be in a position to confirm final trusts for the remaining academies as soon as possible.

Following careful consideration of all views and information shared, ministers have decided that Morley Place will join Delta Academies Trust. I am confident that Delta is best-placed to ensure rapid and sustainable school improvement at Morley Place and I have attached further detail on Delta for your information. If you have not yet been able to speak with representatives from Delta they would be very happy for you to get in touch.

In terms of next steps, we are working to transfer Morley Place to Delta within the current academic year, and are working closely with WCAT and Delta to ensure that this is done with minimal disruption to pupils, staff and parents. Our priority remains ensuring that all pupils receive an excellent education and I strongly believe that staff, parents and pupils at the academy should feel positive about the future of Morley Place, moving forward with Delta. I believe that setting this clear direction now will provide further stability for the remainder of the academic year. In addition, we are working closely with Delta to determine the funding and resources that will be provided to Morley Place to secure an excellent education for all pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued engagement with this process, and to particularly thank staff at Morley Place for the work they do every day. I remain committed to working with all involved to secure the best possible educational outcomes for every pupil at Morley Place Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Edwards', with a wavy line extending to the right.

**John Edwards**  
**Regional Schools Commissioner, East Midlands and the Humber**