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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of an exciting new education trust that has been set up to serve the needs of children and families living in the Bishops Stortford Area. The Bishop's Stortford Education Trust (BSET) includes The Bishop's Stortford High School, Birchwood High School, The Bishop's Stortford College, Hockerill Anglo-European College and Leventhorpe School. It also includes the Chair and Vice-Chair of the local Primary Headteacher Consortium and the Headteacher from St. Marys Catholic School. We are particularly pleased to be working with both primary and secondary schools in this joint venture, as well as The Bishop's Stortford College, from the independent sector, and the expertise they will bring to the trust.

The aim of the trust will primarily be to work to support the new Secondary School and two new Primary Schools planned for the Bishop's Stortford North development. This will involve a formal sponsorship bid to the DfE. If we are successful, the plan will be to help resource these new schools to enable them to work alongside existing schools in a complementary manner, further strengthening the strong education provision we already have in the local area. We will also ensure that, by working together, there will be enough school places in Reception and Year 7 to meet demand as the town grows over the next 10 years.

Beyond the sponsorship of the new schools, we also want to work together on a number of other projects including curriculum planning, resource efficiency and the pooling of best practice. If you have any questions or would like further information, please let us know. In the New Year, we will be launching a website which will include further details and opportunities to consult with you as key stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dale Reeve
Headteacher

Mr Alan Fordham
Chair of Governors

