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Dear Parent / Carer

As a family of schools we are writing to advise you about some important collaborative research work we are undertaking.

Governors of all schools are under a statutory duty to conduct their school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement, hold their school in trust for the community which it serves and ensure they conduct the school in such a manner as to ensure financial probity.

In fulfilling our statutory obligations, due diligence and our moral responsibility to serve and place the interests of our pupils first, there is a need for us to investigate how the changing educational landscape and national educational policy may impact on our family of schools now and in the future.

We have therefore established a working group, made up of representatives from each school's governing body, to explore what the advantages and disadvantages are in a variety of formal and informal partnerships and collaborations.

Each governing body has a responsibility to ensure that appropriate evidence-based decisions about the strategic direction of their school can be taken and Governors' involvement in this working group will enable this to be achieved. Participation in this group does not signal any intent to establish a formal partnership or collaboration.

Upon the conclusion of this research work each school will write to parents/carers to share the discussions that have taken place. Rest assured any decisions that may be taken will involve full consultation with parents/carers and other stakeholders.

If you would like more information you can read the Briefing Paper- '*Researching the advantages and disadvantages in a variety of formal and informal partnerships and collaborations amongst the Holmfirth family of schools*' on our school websites or you can contact the Headteacher of your school.

Yours sincerely

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