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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to let you know that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024, North Cornwall Learning Trust will merge with Westcountry Schools Trust. <a href="https://www.westst.org.uk/">https://www.westst.org.uk/</a>

As you will be able to see, WeST is a large Multi Academy Trust, based in Plymouth, that currently has 19 primary and 8 secondary Academies.

As a small trust, NCLT's board has been actively looking for other trusts to work with to improve outcomes and experiences for our pupils and communities. We believe that WeST represents the best opportunity to achieve this. Our two trusts have been working alongside each other for some time now and we have definitely felt the benefits of being part of a larger organisation.

As parents, and in the community, you will feel little or no difference. In school however, we will benefit from much increased access to educational support and expertise, as well as the financial savings to be found in economies of scale. I am sure that, as parents, you recognise the significant opportunities this will bring to our children in terms of educational improvement and future development.

I would like to thank you for your support of our schools and North Cornwall Learning Trust, we have achieved much by working together in partnership over this relatively small amount of time. We are however very much looking forward to our future with Westcountry Schools and making the most of the opportunities it will bring.

Your contacts at school level will all remain the same moving forward, but please do get in touch if you do have any questions regarding this.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Banks

Chief Executive Officer