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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are delighted to announce that our Academy Trust name is changing to **Luminara Education Trust**.

The Board of Trustees established a working party in the summer of 2024 who subsequently met during the autumn of 2024 to discuss the strategic direction of the trust. Through these meetings the name, mission statement, values and overall trust narrative were discussed. The Board of Trustees settled on 'Luminara,' which embodies light, enlightenment and guidance. The Trustees felt this better reflected the trust's mission to illuminate minds and inspire learning, making it both memorable and meaningful.

The Board of Trustees also felt this was the opportunity to develop Luminara Education Trust's mission statement, vision and values, which outline the overall aims for the organisation and the trust's core narrative. The Trust Board agreed to the following:

Trust Mission Statement:

'Luminara Education Trust' builds flourishing educational communities that all parents and children are proud of and contribute to. The trust seeks to deliver the very best educational standards, developing exceptional professionals who act with true moral purpose, professionalism and integrity. Every child is supported to develop the knowledge, skills and character to maximise their potential. All children are promoted to contribute to society and at the core of our moral purpose we work to ensure that no one is left behind.'

Trust Vision:

- Social Mobility
- Inclusion & Diversity
- Excellence & Opportunity

Trust Values:

- Integrity
- Care
- Respect
- Ambition
- Community

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We would like to reassure you that these changes will not impact the name of The Duston School or our commitment to the pupils, staff and wider school community. We will begin developing the branding for the Luminara Education Trust and further information will be shared in due course. This is an exciting time in the trust's journey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees for their continued support and guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chair of the Board of Trustees via clerk@thedustonschool.org.

Yours faithfully,



Sam Strickland
Principal/CEO



Claudia Wade
Chair of the Board Trustees