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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well as we near the end of 2022.

It is now a year since we became a Trust of eleven schools. The coming together of our Essex and Greenwich family of schools has strengthened us as an organisation and given us the opportunity to share wider expertise and to learn from the range of contexts our schools operate in. We began this academic year with our whole Trust conference, focusing on the theme of 'Belonging'. We were inspired by Nicholas Hamilton, the brother of Lewis Hamilton, who told us his story of strength and determination in overcoming the impact of cerebral palsy to become a British touring car champion. He exemplified our determination to constantly improve and to see the possibilities and realise the dreams of the children in our schools.

Our Trust outcomes in the first national key stage tests and assessments for three years were above national averages in all areas, with children achieving very well in reading, writing and maths. This is evidence of the combined impact of parents ensuring their children continued to learn at home during the pandemic and teachers ensuring children closed gaps in learning on their return and made quick 'catch-up' where this was needed. The partnership between home and school is particularly important to us at Compass and we highly value the support parents give to schools during the year. We also value your continual feedback – letting us know what we do well and what we can do to improve is key to our schools continuing to flourish at the heart of their communities.

Three of our schools had OFSTED inspections during this calendar year and all were recognised for the strength of the Compass curriculum and the consistency in the quality of teaching across the school. Cann Hall was judged to be a good school with inspectors noting that 'Pupils at Cann Hall really enjoy school' and that 'highly consistent approaches to teaching and assessment are used in every subject'. Willow Dene was judged to be an outstanding school with inspectors noting that 'Pupils thrive and excel at this exceptional school' where 'leaders and staff have very high expectations of all pupils'. Wingfield was also judged to be an outstanding school with inspectors noting that 'Pupils and staff are proud to belong to this highly ambitious and inclusive school. Pupils are safe and love being here. They experience an extraordinarily strong standard of education.' Behaviour in all

three schools was also found to be exceptionally good, as was the provision for those children who have a special educational need.

We have been able to continue to invest in our school buildings this year with Cann Hall and John Ray Junior both undergoing significant improvements to further enhance the environment within which children learn and thrive. Schools have also invested heavily this year in a number of Trust funded improvements including libraries, playground developments, IT developments and general redecoration. We know that the environment we learn and work in is especially important to our emotional wellbeing and readiness to thrive and progress – at Compass we are fully committed to continuing to improve the quality of school buildings and grounds.

I would like to thank the superb teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to ensure our schools continue to improve and children continue to thrive. I would also like to thank you all for your continued support for schools and the work they do – community is more important than ever as schools and communities meet the current challenges.

My very best wishes to you all.



Chief Executive

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