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Dear Parent

Harrop Fold and United Learning

As you will have seen from today's letter from Cllr Kate Lewis, United Learning is now working to support the improvement of Harrop Fold School.

Our intention is that this should be a long-term relationship. Initially, we have agreed a one-year contract with Salford Council and the government, but the intention on all sides is that we will continue this arrangement for longer. We will treat Harrop Fold in exactly the same way as all our other schools, and give all the support it would receive as part of our Group.

We are conscious that this has been a very unsettled time for the School. However, we know that leaders and staff in the school are determined to improve it and return it to its historically strong position. We see our job as very much getting behind those efforts, supporting improvements and making sure that all the pupils in the school receive an excellent education as quickly as possible. However, as Kate's letter highlights, there are some significant challenges facing the school that need to be addressed quickly in order to prevent any further decline and restore the quality of education that all its students deserve and expect.

Our support will be coordinated by our Secondary Academies Team led by Dame Sally Coates, our Director of Secondary Academies, and Derek Davies, our Regional Director, who will also be joining your governing body. They will be assisted by subject specialists from across our Group, who will provide direct classroom support to teachers, and by our 'back office' team, supporting finance, HR and technology, for example.

Our approach with Harrop Fold will be the same as for every school that is part of our Group. We are one of the biggest groups of schools in the country, but we don't believe in a 'one-size-fits-all' approach. Every school should reflect the needs of its pupils and the community it serves. Above all, we believe that schools need to bring out the best in every student and member of staff, and we aim to provide the support and challenge that helps schools to do this.

We are very pleased to be working to support Harrop Fold School, its pupils, staff and community. I hope that your child notices positive differences very soon.

Yours sincerely



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