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Together we learn, together we succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you all well. We write today to provide you with a long-awaited update on Rusper's academisation journey. We'd like to start by thanking you for your patience while awaiting further information on this most important development.

As you know, it is our shared belief that the on-going improvement plans for RPS will be significantly supported by working in collaboration with others within an academy trust. To that end, we are pleased to confirm that after consulting closely for some time with senior leaders and the Department for Education, **Bohunt Education Trust (BET)** has been identified as our chosen sponsor. You can read more about BET at: www.bohunttrust.com. There are some important processes still to go through, but we are delighted to confirm that we expect Rusper Primary to join the BET family of schools at some point in the next academic year.

BET is a collaborative, friendly, high-achieving network of eight schools based across Hampshire, Wokingham and West Sussex. RPS will be the first primary school to join BET, and the Trust has recently appointed a Director of Primary Education to champion its primary network – Lisa Wright, who holds a masters in in Advanced Practice in Trauma Work in Schools, and is currently Assistant Headteacher at Muntham House, where she has taught for the last 15 years.

BET holds the highest expectations for its students, colleagues and schools, with an unwavering commitment to its ethos of 'enjoy, respect, achieve.' Alongside this ethos, the Trust's values and vision align closely with Rusper's. Being part of BET will give us the opportunity to share resources, curriculum expertise, access training for teachers and support staff, and provide greater benefits for our students and community.

We understand that you will, no doubt, have questions in response to this news. Naturally, we are keen to be transparent throughout the process of joining BET; sharing updates and listening to our parental community as we move forward. In the first instance, as with our OFSTED news previously, we would like to invite you to attend a meeting on Thursday 13th July at 6pm in the village hall, where initial questions, submitted in advance, will be addressed. In the meantime, we'd like to invite parents to submit questions in advance via this [form](#).

After our first meeting, it is our plan to be in touch again early in the Autumn Term to share a more detailed update about next steps.

We hope you are excited, as we are, by this new chapter for RPS. We are certain that this partnership will significantly support all our efforts to be the best possible school for all our pupils.

We are, as ever, grateful to you all for your continued support in ensuring the best in education and opportunity for our children at Rusper.

Emma Worskett
Chair of Governors,
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