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Lord Harris of Peckham

CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome to the Harris Federation

We are very pleased that the Trustees of Compass Education Trust have decided that all four of its schools should join the Harris Federation. We are a family of 55 schools across London and Essex which seek to give children and young people an enriching and rewarding education. Our schools are popular within their local communities and strive to uphold the highest academic standards across the curriculum.

Over the past couple of months, representatives from the Harris Federation have been visiting the schools regularly speaking to students and staff and taking the time to understand how each school operates. We have been impressed with what we have seen and are confident that we can support staff to build on each school's strengths and give every student the education they need to thrive.

We are currently in the final stages of our due diligence before the Department for Education is asked to give its formal approval for the four schools to join the Harris Federation. In the meantime, we are working hard to ensure there is a smooth and seamless transition for the communities at each school.

To reflect the schools' membership of the Harris Federation, they will be given new names as follows:

- The Appleton School will be known as Harris Academy Benfleet;
- Woodlands School will be known as Harris Academy Kingswood;
- The Billericay School will be known as Harris Academy Billericay;
- The Bromfords School will be known as Harris Academy Wickford.

Each of these names, which reflect the communities the schools serve, has been chosen in consultation with school leaders. To accompany the new names, the schools will have new logos and we are very keen to hear ideas from the students themselves. Starting this week, we will be holding interactive branding workshops with students where they will be invited to suggest ideas. There will



be a new uniform to go with the new name and logo. Any new items will be fully funded to prevent current parents from being out of pocket. Further details will be provided in due course.

We will keep you updated regularly over the next few months as we prepare to welcome all the schools into the Harris Federation. We are looking forward to working with each school community and supporting them as they go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Hickey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'R' and a clear 'Hickey'.

**Rebecca Hickey**

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