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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, Happy New Year, I hope that you had a good break with friends and family over Christmas and that you're not missing your children too much now that they're back in school!

This year, we promised to keep in touch with you more frequently and so this letter contains some news and updates so that you can see what our tribe of 24 schools and a central team – the multi academy trust that your school is part of – is up to.

I hope that you found the information that we sent out in December useful – if you haven't seen it do, please contact your school admin. It detailed all the ways in which being part of LAAT has supported your schools over the past year.

This January we are embarking on some big initiatives:

Two schools are part of the Digital Strategy Pilot scheme. Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 pupils at William Lovell Church of England Academy and Wainfleet Magdalen CE / Methodist Primary School have received their 1:1 device which they use at both home and at school to support their learning. More information and some feedback from staff and pupils can be found here [Digital strategy - LAAT](#) Over the next 3 years we will be rolling out this programme across the trust, and this includes your child's school.

Three of our schools are about to open SEND hubs in conjunction with the local authority and, using funding provided by them, we have been working to prepare Friskney All Saints CofE Primary School, Gainsborough Parish CE Primary School and Coningsby St Michael's Church of England Primary School to be ready for new pupils who will be starting during the coming term. This will be a fabulous opportunity for the pupils and the school and expertise gained will be disseminated across the trust benefitting all of the schools and our offer to all pupils.

This January we have welcomed 3 new school leaders to the trust, 2 central leaders and congratulate 3 new leaders who have had their current roles made substantive proving that LAAT is a place where people want to work.

We have also managed to secure funding from Lloyd's bank to enable 26 members of staff across our schools to start their Digital Apprenticeship journey. This will have such a great impact on the opportunities we can offer to your children.

Over the previous term our Love As Action Together fund has been growing. Mention must be made of Bob Heap from Tattershall Holy Trinity CE Primary School who walked and wild camped to successfully complete the 80 miles of the Yorkshire "Dales Way", Anne-Marie Wilson, head of St Peter's C of E Primary Academy, who ran her first 10k, Spalding Parish Church of England Day School who did a whole school sponsored walk and our newest school St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School made the fund their Christmas charity. So, not to be out done, I ran my first ever marathon. At

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the moment we have nearly £8,400 in the fund and over the last 6 months we have given away nearly £3,500. This fund is to remove barriers to learning caused by financial hardship you can find a link here to find out more <https://thelaat.co.uk/love-as-action-together-fund/> and, if you think it may be able to help your child please do get in touch with your school.

You will already have heard about the new style Ofsted inspections which have started this academic year. At LAAT we have already had one of the new inspections which was a really positive experience. However, the report looks very different, and the new judgements are very different from the old ones. For more information here's a link to a useful video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kb10FvY976g>

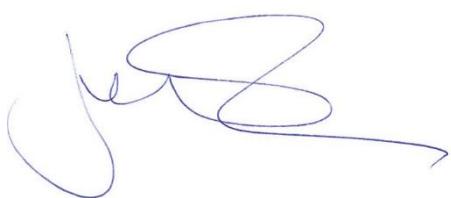
There are two things that I am going to ask of you in this letter:

Firstly to make sure that your children are in school every day. I know that sometimes this is hard and, if there are particular barriers to you managing this please talk to your school. But if they are not in school they are not learning and we, like you, want them to succeed and build a fabulous future for themselves and their future families and communities – being in school every day really matters and as a trust, like all trusts across the country, we are worried about the levels of absence across the schools.

The second thing is to say that your Academy Committee (governing body) may need you! Academy Committees do a fabulous job at helping to run your school. Governors who sit on Academy Committees need to be local people who understand the local context. There is a limit of the number of parent places available on each Academy Committee so if yours already has enough parents could you think about who you know – your neighbour, work colleague, boss! – and consider asking them if they'd like to make a valuable contribution to the life of their community by volunteering to be a governor at your school. More information can be found here. <https://thelaat.co.uk/be-a-school-governor/>

So, all that's left for me to say is thank you – thank you for all that you do to support your child's school.

God Bless



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