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Dear Parents

I am writing to share a brief update about the plans for PPAT to join HISP on 1st June 2020.

I am pleased to confirm that progress continues as planned. Trustees and staff from both PPAT and HISP have been able to continue working closely (but safely) together to ensure joining is as seamless to the operation and running of our schools as it can be. As you will know from the consultation and communications earlier this year, both Trusts see joining together to be an extremely positive step. HISP will bring together the very best aspects of our schools, and create an environment where all schools (Portswood, Tanners Brook and Thornden) thrive and prosper together.

Once we return to normal schooling, I very much expect you will see little immediate change at the school and your child will continue to receive their customary high standard of education.

You may be aware that there have been necessary changes within our Central Team - including securing support from HISP ahead of transfer to run certain core services of the Trust. All PPAT Trustees remain in post and will continue to oversee the Trust until such time as we join HISP.

Thank you for your continued support, trust and understanding during these times of change and challenge. I look forward to the completion of these activities and to securing a stronger future for staff and pupils of all our schools.

Yours sincerely

Pete Hutchings
Chair of Trustees