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An official 'Welcome' to Symphony Learning Trust!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all is well and you had a great half-term break. As a quick way of introduction, my name is Tim Sutcliffe and I am the CEO for Symphony Learning Trust which is a Multi Academy Trust in the East Midlands.

As you will hopefully be aware, Hawthorn Primary School will be moving from Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust to Symphony Learning Trust on the 1st of March. I wanted to share a few details with yourselves in advance of the transfer of Hawthorn to Symphony.

Firstly, and most importantly, we have been working 'unofficially' with Hawthorn for the past few months and our ongoing work clearly demonstrates that your children attend an amazing school! Mrs Jacox and her team provide a fantastic education for the pupils. Indeed on a visit to Hawthorn before half-term, I was so impressed with the attitude to learning that the pupils demonstrated in the lessons we visited.

As parents, you may wonder if there will be any changes for Hawthorn joining Symphony. The short answer is no; we are not one of those Trusts who change uniforms and school names! Our strong belief in Symphony is that every school is unique and should serve the needs of the community in which it is rooted; this is something which Hawthorn clearly delivers to a very high standard.

Our ethos of collaboration, support and professional challenge for our schools has resulted in some of the highest outcomes for our pupils in the region. We know this can only be achieved with effective relationships and support from our parents so I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support for Hawthorn.

Should any parents wish to look at further information about Symphony, our website link is [here](#). In addition to the above information, a quick summary is that Symphony is a well-established, highly successful Multi Academy Trust with twenty primary schools.

Hopefully, I can say 'hello' to parents when I'm next at Hawthorn!

Yours sincerely,

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