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Dear parents,

Endeavour Learning Trust – Further Developments

As many of you already know, Tarleton Academy is the founder school in Endeavour Learning Multi Academy Trust, which also includes our Teaching School. This enables us to work closely with a number of other schools, to share the excellent practice that we enjoy here at Tarleton.

Many of you may also be aware that Burscough Priory were recently judged 'inadequate' by Ofsted and placed into special measures. As such they require what is known as a 'sponsor' to take the school into their Trust and to lead on the school improvement required. Endeavour Learning Trust have now been invited by the Department for Education and the Regional Schools Commissioner (in charge of academies) to be the sponsor for Burscough Priory. This would involve taking overall charge of the school and bringing them into our Multi Academy Trust (MAT). We have therefore agreed to carry out further due diligence at Burscough and to lead on the conversion process. This does take time and it is unlikely to be formalised until September at the earliest. In the meantime we will offer advice and guidance to ensure that the education of the students at Burscough is heading in the right direction in preparation for the conversion into our Trust.

As you know from previous letters, we have the capacity in place to enable us to work alongside other schools in this way. For example, our impact at Wellfield High School has already been highly commended by the Local Authority. Our recent Ofsted visit has shown that our support for other schools has not affected the quality of provision for our own students and that we continue to go from strength to strength. We see this school improvement work as mutually beneficial for the development of our own staff, who learn from these activities, which in turn means that our students here at Tarleton and across the Trust benefit from ever improving practice. We have no reason to doubt that there will be anything but good to come from the opportunities which growing the Academy Trust will bring.

Mr Cunniffe, our Head of School and the rest of our fabulous staff here at Tarleton, and across the Trust, will continue to ensure that the high standards and the enjoyment in learning here at Tarleton continues to grow. As always we can fully reassure you that we will only develop in such a way as to guarantee that the quality of education at Tarleton is not affected in any way that is not positive.

Yours sincerely

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