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Dear All,

I am writing to you to let you know about an exciting development at Castleman Academy Trust.

Over the past year, we have been working closely with Corfe Hills School and the Ferndown Pyramid of schools, developing learning and teaching to further improve the quality of education we offer our learners.

To retain our schools' identities and their capacity to keep improving, the Trust believes it is vital to strengthen our partnerships with like-minded schools to ensure we continue to provide a great education for all children in our community.

An "Academy" is a publicly-funded all-ability local school which is independent of Local Authority control. We have already seen the benefit of being part of a Multi Academy Trust in many ways, such as access to funding streams, access to training and best practice for staff, which most importantly leads to better learning, outcomes and opportunities for pupils. This was acknowledged in Broadstone Middle's recent OfSTED inspection.

To this end, we are delighted to let you know that the Governors of the Ferndown Pyramid of schools, along with Corfe Hills School have agreed to consult with their staff and parents about joining the Castleman Academy Trust. Should they decide to become part of the Castleman Trust there will be seven schools working together to improve learning for our children. They are:

Ferndown First School
Ferndown Middle School
Ferndown Upper School

Parley First School
Corfe Hills School

Broadstone First School
Broadstone Middle School.

The consultation will run until 28th February after which the Governors of the schools will make a decision whether to become part of the Trust, based on the views of all those involved at their schools.

I will keep you informed of further developments but should you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Rhonda Moore
Chief Executive Officer