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Welcome to ACE Derbyshire Trust

Dear Parents, Carers & Families,

Today is a very special day for all of us, as our schools come together to form this new partnership and form ACE Derbyshire Trust. This is a very real and exciting new chapter in the development of our schools and it is no accident that our name; 'ACE' is an abbreviation for our vision of 'Aspiration, Collaboration & Excellence', for our pupils, staff and school communities.

As a newly forming Trust, we are very proud of what we have achieved since our schools began working closely together; a partnership that began in 2015 and has grown and strengthened as more schools came together to benefit from this strong collaboration. This new venture is the formalisation of that partnership, and will enable us to secure the futures of our unique schools and expand the opportunities for our pupils. We know that our strength is in recognising the individuality of each of our schools, whilst embracing the challenges that each one has. We are ambitious for our pupils and our staff; working together, as a Trust, will help us to maximise opportunities for all so that those ambitions can be realised.

Today as you join us in that endeavour, we are so excited that our family of schools are moving forward together and we want to thank you for all your support so far - and for your support as we become ACE Derbyshire Trust.

ACE Derbyshire Trust is a 'mixed MAT' (Multi-Academy Trust) of Church and community schools and is formed of Bradley CE primary school, Brailsford CE primary school, Morley primary school (joining 1st September), Ashbourne primary school, Hulland CE primary school (joining 1st October) and Norbury CE primary school, who will join later in the autumn term.

Whilst you may not notice any difference in the day to day business of the school (we don't have any intention of changing the things that you love about your school), we have some exciting plans which we hope our children and our families will benefit from. We hope that you and your children will embrace the new initiatives and opportunities.

From today, everyone at Morley Primary School is part of the ACE Derbyshire Trust family. On behalf of The Board of Directors of the Trust and the Executive Central Team, I extend to you a very warm welcome and I look forward to working with you and your children.

Welcome and best wishes

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