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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that at the start of this academic year (1<sup>st</sup> September), West Sussex Alternative Provision College (WSAPC) entered into an exciting one-year partnership with Olive Academies Trust, a multi-academy trust specialising in alternative provision.

This development, which sees two strong organisations sharing expertise and experience, will play an important role in our ambitions to build on our well-established practices and reaffirms our commitment to provide the best possible educational experience and support for our students.

I want to reassure you, that the high quality of education and support you have come to expect from WSAPC will continue and that there will be no disruptions in the day-to-day operations across our centres.

Instead, the partnership will provide a fantastic opportunity to focus on leadership development and the quality of education across both organisations, embedding best practice and strengthening the expertise of our teachers and staff. Additionally, by working together we will be in a better position to further improve outcomes for the children and young people we serve, in line with the national schools' agenda.

We anticipate that the partnership will lead to WSAPC converting to become part of Olive Academies Trust by the end of the one-year agreement, which would be a welcome outcome for all involved.

Of course, as greatly valued members of our WSAPC community, we welcome your feedback, and while we will be sure to keep you up-to-date with any developments, should you have any questions about our work with Olive Academies Trust, please contact Doug Thomas, Headteacher ([hcentral@wsapc.co.uk](mailto:hcentral@wsapc.co.uk)) who will be happy to discuss this further with you.

Yours sincerely,

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