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Dear Parent/Carer

City Academy transition to CORE Education Trust

As you are aware, for the last 12 months the Department for Education has been in discussion with the Trustees of Perry Beeches Academy Trust regarding the rebrokerage of the five Perry Beeches academies. You will also be aware that the preferred sponsor for City Academy is CORE Education Trust and I'm very pleased to finally be able to tell you that we have now received ministerial approval for this transition to take place. Therefore, on the 1st March 2018 City Academy will transition to CORE Education Trust, along with Jewellery Quarter Academy, City Academy Birmingham and Arena Academy. Perry Beeches V will transition to Ark at the same time and will be renamed Ark Victoria Academy.

CORE Education Trust was founded in 2015 with a commitment to find innovative local solutions for the schools it sponsors. Since that time, it has led some pioneering educational initiatives, particularly in the area of developing local, regional and national arts and sports partnership programmes with organisations such as Birmingham REP, Birmingham City Football Club and the Tennis Foundation.

CORE Education Trust's mission is to provide children with a high quality educational experience realised through its four CORE Values of Collaboration; Opportunity; Respect and Excellence.

CORE Education Trust was recently acknowledged by the National Governance Association in its annual award category of Outstanding Multi- Academy Trust and was hailed by Ofsted for its "powerful moral commitment to ensuring that pupils succeed not only academically but also to become responsible citizens" when it successfully removed two Birmingham schools from Special Measures last year. One of those schools, Rockwood Academy, featured in the top 2 percent highest performing schools in the country against the national Progress 8 headline measure in 2017.

City Academy will remain a non-selective, non-denominational and mixed school. Current pupils and staff will automatically transfer to CORE Education Trust on the 1st March 2018.

Parents will have the opportunity to engage with the transfer process and have any questions that they may have answered. In order to ensure that these questions are addressed in an effective manner they should be directed via the school enquiries e-mail. This is enquiry@cityacademy.academy

This is a very exciting development for City Academy and I look forward to working with you during the next few weeks to ensure a smooth and successful transition to CORE Education Trust.

Yours faithfully

Pam Garrington
Chair
Perry Beeches The Academy Trust