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Dear Parents

Today we are both pleased and proud to confirm that CORE Education Trust, the sponsor of Rockwood Academy, will be joined by a further four more secondary schools across Birmingham from March 2018. The CORE network of schools will therefore increase to a total of six schools. This news follows an 18 month period of preparation in which we have been able to develop and grow the capacity of the Trust to ensure we are appropriately equipped to offer the children and families in all our schools the best possible education based on their respective local needs.

We remain incredibly proud of our achievements as the sponsor of Rockwood. When we founded CORE in 2015, it was with the specific objective to reimagine what could be achieved at Rockwood and Nansen following some challenging times. We exceeded all expectations in removing the schools from Special Measures and ensuring that Rockwood can now count itself as one of the top 2 percent highest achieving schools in the country based on national headline measures.

Our mantra has always been to look forward, not back and to put the children and their needs first. We have been aspirational for our students and this will continue to be the case as Rockwood now becomes part of a formidable group of schools. This will add capacity and potential to Rockwood and will support the next positive phase of its development.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional Headteacher at Rockwood. Ms Darr stepped in at short notice last year when the previous Head left suddenly. She inherited a complex leadership void and we regret that she was left in such a challenging situation. However, to her credit, she has remained focused on the immediate needs and has gone beyond what any other leader has done at the school since it went into Special Measures. She will continue to have our complete and unequivocal support and she takes Rockwood forward and continues to contribute to CORE Education Trust as one of our valued and respected senior leaders.

You will not notice any immediate changes in the day to day running of the school. Any questions you may have about this can be emailed to us at welcome@core-education.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Adrian Packer and Ammo Talwar
CEO & Chair
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