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Dear Parents/Carers,

Mercia Learning Trust - Chaucer School Relaunch and Renaming

As part of Chaucer School joining Mercia Learning Trust in September, I am pleased to announce the school will reopen in September under a new name: Mercia Northridge School.

This decision follows extensive qualitative research carried out by an independent agency with pupils, staff and governors. The feedback showed clear and consistent support for this name and for what it represents. The name brings together two important elements and reflects both place and values.

Northridge reflects the school's location in Parson Cross, sitting on higher ground above the river valleys that run through the north of Sheffield. It represents strength, perspective and a positive outlook for the future.

Mercia reflects the school's place within Mercia Learning Trust and the shared mission, which is to empower everyone in our communities, especially the most disadvantaged, to succeed. Mercia signals high expectations for all pupils and a commitment to excellence, guided by shared trust values of kindness, integrity and diligence.

Shown below is the new school logo and branding. Pupils were introduced to this in school today, and the reaction has been overwhelmingly positive.

The logo and branding have been created in house by Mercia Learning Trust's communications team and links closely with trust branding and shared elements used across the other secondary schools. The branding will reflect the school's place within a wider family while maintaining a strong local identity.

While the school's name and branding will change, what matters most remains the same. Pupils, staff and the local community continue to be at the heart of everything we do.

There will be changes to our school uniform from September, and we are working with uniform suppliers to get the best value for money for our families. We will keep you updated as soon as we have finalised plans.

Further information about what these changes are will be shared with you later this term.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Crewe
Headteacher

